

Pangolin Diaries

Fill in the blanks in this story about a day in the life of a pangolin.

Dear diary,

When the sun comes up this morning, I get cozy in my burrow and prepare for a long sleep. I am nocturnal. This means that I sleep during the day and am active at _____ . I close my eyes to take a long rest.

When the sun finally sets, I wake up. I begin exploring. I live in _____ . It is a great place to live because _____ . It is hard for me to see in the dark because my eyes are small. I rely on my sense of _____ to find food.

My favorite things to eat are _____ and _____ . Once I find food, I use my _____ to dig and scrape. To keep them sharp, I walk a little funny. I walk on my _____ . Sometimes, I only use my back legs for walking.

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After I dig, I use my tongue to gobble up lots of food. My tongue is

_____ and _____.

Sometimes people call me a scaly _____, even though we're not related. I keep my eyes closed to protect them while I eat.

I have other things to protect myself, too. My body is covered in hard

_____. When I get scared, I _____

_____ to protect myself. It can be scary where I live.

There are lots of predators around.

Even though I have special adaptations to protect myself, some animals still

try to eat me. My two scariest predators are _____ and

_____. I'm scared of other things, too, like humans.

Sometimes they hunt me for my _____.

Tonight, I am lucky. I get back home safely just as the sun starts to rise. I get

cozy in my _____ and take another long rest.