

# Prairie Dogs

*Prairie dogs belong to the squirrel family. They are ground squirrels. Ground squirrels and tree squirrels are different. Ground squirrels live in homes in the ground called burrows. Tree squirrels live in trees.*

*Why do we call these ground squirrels prairie dogs?*

*When they talk, they make barking sounds. They bark loudly to warn each other of danger.*

*Prairie dogs are active during the day. When above the ground, they eat and play. In their burrows, prairie dogs sleep, raise their babies, store food, and stay safe from predators.*

