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ANTEATERS

UNIQUE ANATOMY

Giant anteaters have no teeth, and can't even open their jaw! They eat by sticking their nearly two-foot-long sticky tongue into anthills and termite mounds. Then they pull the tongue back into their mouth full of insects and swallow the insects whole.

They have to move their tongue quickly to avoid getting bit by the ants, and flick it up to 160 times per minute! Giant anteaters have long sharp claws on their front feet which they use to rip into termite mounds and ant hills. To protect these important claws anteaters walk on their knuckles!



**Color
in the
anteater to
study its
shape!**

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