

HABITATS

Key Questions

How important are habitats to an animal?

How do we know something is alive? Why do different animals live in different habitats? What do different habitats look like? How do animals survive in their environment?

A habitat is a home environment for **plants and animals** and other organisms.

A habitat is made up of four requirements for survival: **food, water, shelter and space.**

A **micro-habitat** is a small home environment for plants, animals and insects.

A **micro-habitat** might be a pond, a tree, under a stone or a pile of logs.

Important Vocabulary:

Coastal – There are lots of different types of coastal habitats including shallow sea water, beaches, rock pools and dunes.

Desert – Deserts are places that don't get much rain and are very dry. They can be hot or cold.

Grassland – You won't find lots of trees in grasslands. They get more rain than deserts but not as much as woodlands.

Jungle – You usually find jungles in warm, wet places near the Earth's equator, called tropical climates.

Polar – Polar habitats are located at the very top and very bottom of the Earth. They are cold, windy and have a lot of snow and ice.

Woodland – Woodlands are places where there are mostly trees. They can be hot or cold. There are many different types of woodlands.

Habitat – A habitat is the environment where different animal and plants live. It provides everything they need to survive.

Important Habitats:



Coastal



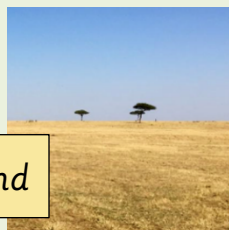
Woodland



Desert



Polar



Grassland



Jungle