Animals and their habitats

Year 2 - Living things and their habitats - OS2A003

National Curriculum Statutory Requirements

KS1W4 - identifying and classifying

2A2 - identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other



A **habitat** is a place where an **organism** lives. An organism is another word for a living thing, including plants and animals. Some organisms can be found in lots of different habitats, while others can only survive in one type of habitat.

A habitat must provide everything that an organism needs to survive, otherwise the organism will not be able to live there and will die. For example, the habitat may be too hot, too cold, or too dry, or there might not be enough food.

Sometimes, if an organism is taken out of its natural habitat and placed into a different one, it will die. Similarly, if a habitat changes, perhaps due to human activity, this can cause organisms to die.

Activity

On the following pages, you will find some pictures of animals and some pictures of habitats. Carefully cut out each picture. Match each animal to its habitat. Think of one or two things that the habitat provides for the animal, such as water, food, shelter, warmth, or protection.

Which animals were the easiest to match to their habitats? Why? Which animals might belong to different habitats? Which animals might you find in the wild in this country?



