

Y2 Living Things Habitats

KS1 Y2 Science · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

How does a woodland give a squirrel what it needs?

Step 1 · Food

Nuts, acorns and seeds from the trees

Step 2 · Water

Rain, puddles and streams

Step 3 · Shelter

A nest (called a drey) high in the branches

Answer: The woodland gives the squirrel food, water and shelter

Check: A good habitat gives an animal everything it needs to stay alive.

2. Now try one with the steps

Why do polar bears have thick white fur and a layer of fat?

Step 1 · What is the Arctic like?

Step 2 · How do thick fur and fat help?

Step 3 · How does white help?

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What is a habitat?

2. Name a habitat you could find in the UK.

3. Name an animal that lives in a pond.

4. Which habitat is very hot and dry?

5. Name 3 things a habitat gives an animal.

6. Which animal lives in the Arctic: a polar bear or a camel?

7. Name a plant that grows in the desert.

8. How does a rock pool give a crab shelter?

9. Do wild penguins live in the Arctic?

10. Why would a fish not survive in a desert?

11. How does a tree help a bird?

12. A woodland has 5 badgers and 3 foxes. How many animals is that altogether?

13. Why is the rainforest a good habitat for monkeys?

14. What might happen to the squirrels if all the trees in a wood were cut down?

4. Before you hand it in

Thinking any animal could live happily in any habitat.

Ask: does this animal's body suit this habitat? Does the habitat have the food it eats?

Putting penguins and polar bears in the same place.

Polar bears: North Pole. Penguins: the south.

Thinking a habitat is only a place to sleep.

Check all three: food, water, shelter.

Forgetting that plants live in habitats too.

Think about plants and animals when describing a habitat.