

Year 2: Science : Living things and their habitats

Key Vocabulary

biodiversity	Biodiversity measures the variety of living things (such as plants and animals) in an area and how those different things depend on each other to meet their needs.
ecosystem	An area that is home to living (e.g. animals and plants) and non-living (e.g. soil) things that depend on each other.
depend	Living things depend on each other for survival, which means they need each other.
food chain	A food chain shows how each animal gets its food. Food chains are one of the ways that living things depend on each other to stay alive.
habitat	A habitat is the natural place something lives. A habitat provides living things with everything they need to survive such as food, shelter and water.
microhabitat	A microhabitat is a very small habitat in places like under a rock, under leaves or on a branch. Minibeasts live in microhabitats . The microhabitats have everything they need to survive .
depend	Many living things in a habitat depend on each other. This means they need each other for different things.
survive	This means to stay alive.
pollinator	An animal responsible for pollination .
pollination	The transfer of pollen within or between plants that allows the plant to produce seeds.
habitat	The natural place that something lives. A habitat provides living things with everything they need to survive.
microhabitat	A very small habitat that minibeasts live in.

Living things in a **habitat** all **depend** on each other for their survival. They provide things like food and shelter for other living things.

The bee **depends** on the flowers on the plant to provide a source of food.

The plant **depends** on the worm to make the soil healthy so it can grow.

Examples of habitats

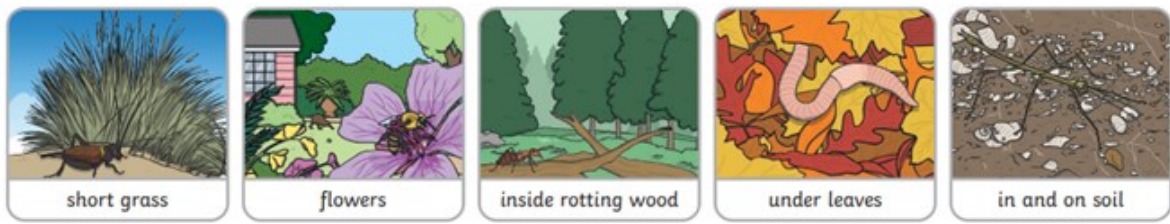


pollinators

decomposer

predator

Examples of micro habitats



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life processes	These are the things that all living things do. They move, breathe, sense, grow, make babies, get rid of waste and get their energy from food.
living	Things that are living have all the life processes .
dead	Things that are dead were once living . They did have all the life processes but don't now.
never living	Things made out of metal, plastic or rock were never living . They never had the life processes .
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food sources	This is the place a living thing's food comes from.

Key Knowledge



living



dead



never living

Food chains. The arrows mean 'is eaten by'.

