

Habitats

Summary

A habitat is a place where plants and animals live. A habitat has what plants and animals need to live. It has food, water, and shelter for animals. It has water, light from the Sun, and space for plants. There are many different kinds of habitats. Forests, wetlands, oceans, and deserts are habitats. Different plants and animals live in different habitats.

Before Reading

Take a Picture Walk

Build background for the book by taking a picture walk with children. Discuss the pictures and preview the key vocabulary and concepts. Invite children to share what they know about each habitat.

Vocabulary

desert, forest, habitat, ocean, wetland

Comprehension Skill: Picture Clues

Say: We can use picture clues to learn more about things. Look at the habitat pictures in this book. Can you use picture clues to name the habitats?

During Reading

Think Critically

Have children answer the *What Did You Learn?* questions located on the inside back cover of their book.

1. What do plants and animals get from their habitat? Plants and animals get the things they need.

2. How are a desert and an ocean alike?

How are they different? A desert and an ocean both have the things the plants and animals living in them need to live. A desert is very dry and has little water. An ocean has a lot of water. A desert and an ocean have different animals and plants.

After Reading

Writing in Science

The forest changes in winter. Write to explain some of the changes. Use words from the story as you write.

Organize Information

Graphic Organizer: Picture Clues Have children complete the Picture Clues chart on the BLM for this Leveled Reader to name some animals that live in the forest.

Related Resources

Vocabulary Cards	Equipment Kit
Every Student Learns	Activity Flipchart
Quick Study	LabZone
Big Book of Science Songs and CD	
Graphic Organizer Transparencies	
Quick Activity Transparency	
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Write your answers.

1. What is a forest like in the summer? What is it like in the winter? **In summer, forest plants get Sun and rain. Animals get food and water. There is less Sun in winter. Leaves fall from trees. It is hard for some animals to find food.**
2. What animals can you see in a wetland?
You can see dragonflies, frogs, and birds in a wetland.
3. Why do plants in the desert store the water they need?
A desert is very dry.
4. Look at the picture on page 5.
Use picture clues to tell some animals that live in the forest. Use the graphic organizer to help you.
Possible answer:

Picture Clues

