

Science – Living things and their habitats

Assessment Statements

By the end of this unit...

...all children should be able to:

- Say what is different about things that are living, dead or have never been alive.
- Identify some of the plants and animals in a familiar habitat.
- Sort objects into categories.
- Find microhabitats.
- Describe the conditions in a habitat.
- Ask questions about different habitats.
- Describe the characteristics of some plants and animals.
- Name some sources of food.

...most children will be able to:

- Explain some of the life processes.
- Ask questions to decide if a thing is living, dead or has never been alive.
- Identify some plants and animals in global habitats.
- Draw a map of a local habitat.
- Sort objects into categories and give reasons for their choices.
- Identify and name minibeasts in microhabitats.
- Gather and record information.
- Suggest how an animal is able to survive in their habitat.
- Answer questions about habitats they have researched.
- Explain why the animals in a habitat need the plants.
- Draw a simple food chain.

...some children will be able to:

- Identify a variety of plants and animals in a range of habitats.
- Choose their own objects to go into given categories.
- Use information they have gathered to suggest an answer to a question.
- Suggest why the plants in a habitat need the animals.

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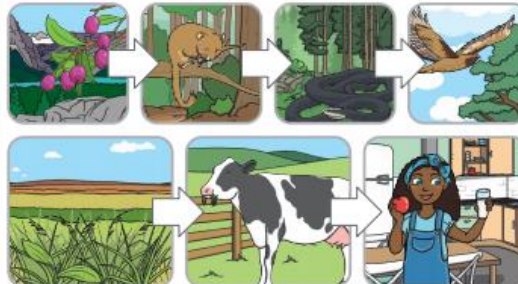
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Key Vocabulary	
life processes	These are the things that all living things do. They move, breathe, sense, grow, make babies, get rid of waste and get their energy from food.
living	Things that are living have all the life processes .
dead	Things that 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 .
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.
food sources	This is the place a living thing's food comes from.

Key Knowledge



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



Key Vocabulary	
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.

Key Knowledge

Examples of **habitats**:



Examples of microhabitats:

