

Distance Learning

Additional Information Your Place or Mine



Pre-Conference

- Introduce the vocabulary word HABITAT and discuss different habitats (similarities & differences).
- Discuss different animals that may live in different habitats and see if an animal can live in more than one habitat.

Additional Activities

Questions for Discussions

1. All habitats have four main components-- Food, Water, Shelter, Space. Can animals survive with one of the components missing? Why or why not?
2. People have habitats just like animals do. Can people affect animal habitats?

Research Activities

1. Go outside your classroom or home and see how many animals are living in your area. What are their food & water sources? What could be their shelter? Do they have enough space?
2. Research the affect of pollution and deforestation on animal habitats. Is there a loss in habitats if a new subdivision or mall is built? Where do the animals go

Classroom Activities

1. *Project WILD* activities*

- **“Everybody Needs A Home”** Students will be able to generalize that people and other animals share a basic need to have a home.
- **“Habitat Lap Sit”** Students will: 1. Identify the components of a habitat 2. Recognize how humans and other animals depend upon the habitat 3. Interpret the significance of loss or change in the habitat in terms of people and wildlife
- **“Habitacks”** Students will identify the basic components of a habitat (food, water, shelter, space) in a suitable arrangement and generalize that these components of the habitat are needed by all animals including people and wildlife.
- **“What’s That, Habitat?”** Students will identify their own basic needs for food, water, shelter and space in a suitable arrangement and generalize that wildlife and other animals have similar basic needs.

2. *Project WILD Aquatic* activities*

- **“Design A Habitat”** Students will identify the components of habitat that are essential for most aquatic animals to survive.

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Home Activities

- Build a backyard habitat. You can put a birdhouse up in a tree or take an old flowerpot and make it into a toadhouse.
- Research ways you can help the animals in your own backyard. Putting birdseed out in the winter for birds and squirrels, leaving water out for animals when it is hot are excellent ways you can help.

Organizations

- US Fish & Wildlife Service
Div. Of Endangered Species and Habitat Conservation
C Street Between 18th and 19th Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20240
(202) 343-5634
- TRAFFIC and World Wildlife Fund
1250 24th St., NW
Suite 500
Washington, DC 20037
(202) 293-4800

Web Sites

- <http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/habitats/> - Great website for teachers.
- <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/biomes/> -Great kid website on Habitats and biomes.
- <http://sandiegozoo.org/animalbytes/> -Website from San Diego Zoo on Habitats.

