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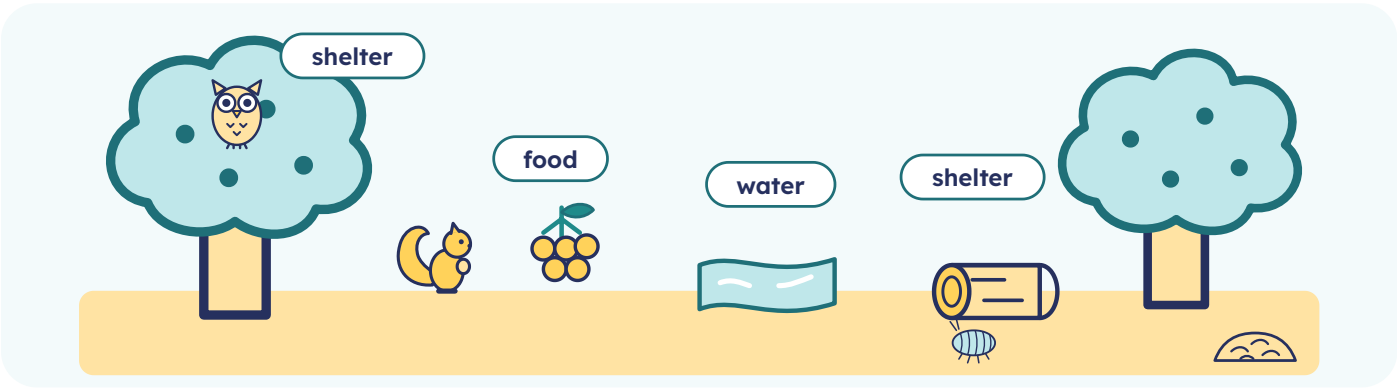
A woodland habitat

A habitat is the natural home of an animal or a plant.

1 Learn



A habitat is a home. It gives animals and plants what they need: **food**, **water** and **shelter**. Let's visit a woodland!



How does the woodland help a squirrel?



Food	Acorns and nuts from the trees.
Water	Rain, puddles and the stream.
Shelter	A nest high in a tree, called a **drey**.

Flip's tip: living things in a habitat need each other. The oak tree feeds the squirrel. The squirrel buries acorns, and some grow into new oak trees!

Warm up: ring the animals that live in a woodland in the UK.


owl


camel


squirrel


polar bear

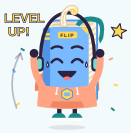

fox


penguin

Grown-ups: point to each part of the picture: "Is this food, water or shelter? Who could use it?" Plants have habitats too: the oak tree gets light and rain here.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Woodland in a box

You need: a shoebox or tray, paper, crayons, a bottle lid of water, and some leaves, twigs or small stones if you have them.

1. Lay the box on its side. Make a tree from a twig or rolled-up paper.
2. Add **food**: leaves, and draw some acorns and berries.
3. Add **water**: the bottle lid of water is the stream.
4. Add **shelter**: a pile of leaves, a stone, a hole in your tree.
5. Draw 3 woodland animals. Fold the paper so they stand up. Give each one a home.

My animal	Its food	Its water	Its shelter

Grown-ups: ask "Could a camel live in our woodland? Why not?" Keep the box: it's a good place to talk about habitats again.

3 Practise

A. Where does each animal shelter? Draw a line to its home.


owl ●


rabbit ●


squirrel ●


woodlouse ●

● burrow 

● under a log 

● hole in a tree 

● drey (nest) 

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B. Is it food, water or shelter? Write each word in the right box.


berries


stream


burrow


acorns


puddle


nest

Food	Water	Shelter
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

C. Some people cut down all the trees in a woodland. Why would the squirrels have to leave?



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D. Draw a woodland animal in its habitat. Show its food, water and shelter.

Challenge

Mia says, "A habitat is just the place where an animal sleeps." Is she right? What else does a habitat give an animal?

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I can…

Tick when you can.

- ☐ say what a habitat is
- ☐ say how a woodland helps a squirrel
- ☐ name animals that live in a woodland