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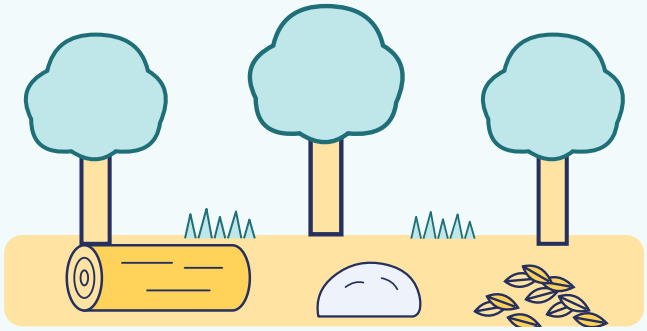
Big homes, tiny homes

Every plant and animal has a home. Some homes are big, and some are tiny.

1 Learn

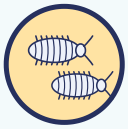


A **habitat** is where a plant or animal lives. It gives them food, water and shelter. A **microhabitat** is a very small habitat.



Habitat: a wood

Tiny homes inside the wood:



under a log
microhabitat



in a pile of leaves
microhabitat



on tree bark
microhabitat

Habitat or microhabitat? Ask two questions.



1. **Is it big?** Could you walk all the way round it? A pond is big, so it is a **habitat**
2. **Is it a tiny place inside a habitat?** Under a stone by the pond, only small creatures fit, so it is a **microhabitat**

Flip's tip: micro means very small. A microhabitat is a tiny home **inside** a big habitat.

Warm up: ring the right words. Micro means **very big** **very small**

Grown-ups: read Flip's words aloud. Point to the wood, then to each tiny home inside it. Ask "Who might live here?" Habitats are homes for plants too, not just animals.

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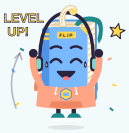
2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Habitat hunt

You need: a garden, a park or a path outside, a pencil and this sheet.

1. Look around. What **big habitat** are you in? Write it below.
2. Find **3 tiny homes** inside it, like under a stone or in a pile of leaves.
3. Is each one **damp or dry**? **Dark or light**? Ring the words.
4. Look for living things there. **Look, don't touch.**

Our big habitat: _____

Tiny home	Damp or dry?	Dark or light?	Living things we saw
	damp dry	dark light	
	damp dry	dark light	
	damp dry	dark light	

Grown-ups: do any lifting yourself, slowly, and put things back exactly as they were. Ask "Which tiny home had the most living things? Why?" Wash hands afterwards.

3 Practise

A. Is it a big **habitat** or a tiny **microhabitat**? Ring one word.



a wood

habitat microhabitat



under a stone

habitat microhabitat



a pond

habitat microhabitat



inside a flower

habitat microhabitat



the seashore

habitat microhabitat



in a pile of dead leaves

habitat microhabitat

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B. Each tiny home is inside a big habitat. Draw a line to match them.

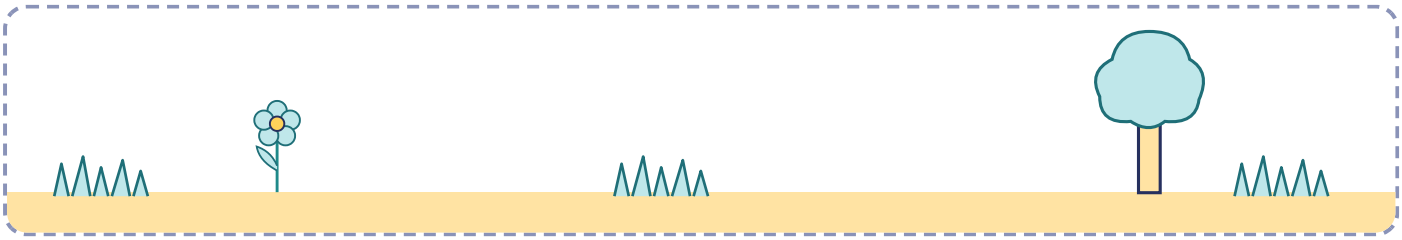
- under a log
- on a water lily leaf
- in a rock pool
- a pond
- the seashore
- a wood

C. Fill the gaps with a word from the box.

habitat **microhabitat** You can use each word more than once.

1. A _____ is the home of plants and animals.
2. A _____ is a very small habitat.
3. A pile of leaves is a _____.
4. A big field is a _____.

D. Draw a tiny home in this garden, and a minibeast living in it.



Challenge

Leo says, "A wood is a microhabitat." Is he right? What would you tell him?

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I can... Tick when you can.

- ☐ say what a habitat is
- ☐ say what a microhabitat is
- ☐ find a tiny home inside a big habitat