

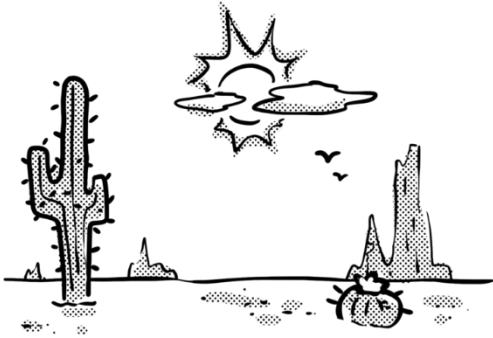
Reading extract and questions:

Habitats

MONDAY – read through the text on your own, identify any unfamiliar words.

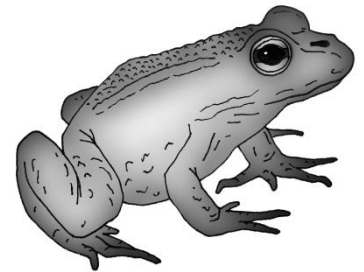
What is a habitat?

A habit is a place that has everything a plant or animal needs to **survive**. There must be food and water because all life needs that. Even a **desert** has some water, if you know where to look. There should also be shelter to keep the animals safe and the land must be able to support new life. That does not mean that the habitat is totally free of risk. In order to feed all the creatures that live there, some plants will be in danger of being eaten. The same is true of some animals. What matters is that there will always be many more left to keep making new life. In any case, everything that lives there will have found ways to **adapt** to the **conditions**.



Ponds

Ponds are a great example of a habitat. There is probably one near where you live. There is often good soil for the plants to grow in and getting water is clearly not a problem. The plants growing in the pond provide food and shelter for a wide range of animals, from little bugs to tadpoles and even ducks. Some will be eaten by fish and other hunters but there will always be plenty that are not. The fish might, in turn, offer regular meals for other animals, such as kingfishers or otters. Some of the minibeasts that hatch in the pond turn into flying insects, which will be prey to bigger bugs like dragonflies. In short, there is plenty to go around, whatever you are. That means it is also a great place to start new life, whether you are a flower or a frog.



Glossary

survive	– keep living
desert	– an area that gets very little rain
adapt	– make changes
conditions	– the state of the environment

Questions for Habitats

TUESDAY

Vocabulary

1. *There should also be shelter ...* In this sentence, *shelter* means ... **Tick one.**

a place that protects

a place to catch a bus

an umbrella

a sand dune

2. Look at the sentence beginning *There should also be shelter ...* **Find** and **copy** a word that means *keep alive*.

3. *... free of risk ...* In this sentence, *risk* means ... **Tick one.**

game

food

luck

danger

WEDNESDAY

Identify key aspects

4. Name **two** habitats that are mentioned in the text.

a. _____ b. _____

5. What do otters eat?

Inference

6. Why might a pond be an easy habitat for you to go to look at?

THURSDAY

Sequence

7. Number the sections from **1** to **4** to show the order in which they appear.

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Title	
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Predict

8. What do you think would happen if a desert never had any water?

Answers for *Habitats*

Vocabulary:

1. a place that protects
2. support
3. danger

Retrieval:

4. desert, pond
5. fish

Inference:

6. because there is probably one near where you live

Sequence:

7.

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Predict:

8. No plants or animals could survive there.