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Animals and Their Habitats

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Animals need a home, just like people. The place where an animal lives is called its habitat. In this note you will learn where different animals live and how we can keep their homes safe.

AFTER THESE NOTES YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO

- Name the habitats of animals
- Say which animals live in each habitat
- Say what harms animal homes
- Name ways to protect animal habitats

KEY WORDS

Habitat	The place where an animal lives.
Pollute	To make water, air or land dirty.
Grassland	A place with plenty of grass.

1 Animal habitats

A forest is a place where animals live among trees. Some animals live in the soil, under the ground. Some animals live in rivers and lakes. Others live in grasslands.

Fish live in water. Birds live in trees. Insects live in many places. We can ask why animals live in different places. Each animal lives where it is safe and finds what it needs.

Habitat	Where it is	Animals that live there
Forest	Among trees	Birds
Soil	Under the ground	Insects
River or lake	In water	Fish, frogs
Grassland	Among grass	Insects

Figure 1. Animal habitats

2 Keeping animal homes safe

Cutting down trees, burning grass and polluting water can destroy animal homes. If people throw rubbish in a river, the water becomes dirty. If trees are cut down, animals lose their homes.

We can keep animals safe. We can plant trees. We can keep water clean. We can avoid burning grass.



Figure 2. What happens when trees are cut

TRY THIS

Plant a tree or flower at home or school with an adult. Tell your family one way you will protect animal homes.

REMEMBER

- A habitat is the place where an animal lives
- Habitats include forests, soil, rivers, lakes and grasslands
- Cutting trees, burning grass and polluting water harm habitats
- We protect habitats by planting trees, keeping water clean and not burning grass

? Check yourself

1. What is a habitat.
2. Where do fish live.
3. Name one thing that harms animal homes.
4. Name one way to protect animal homes.
5. Mulenga sees people throw rubbish into the river near his village and the water becomes dirty. His friend asks what will happen. (a) What is this action called. (b) Which animals are harmed. (c) What should people do instead.

6. Chanda finds a bird in a tree and a fish in a river on a school trip, and her teacher asks where each one lives. (a) Where does the bird live. (b) Where does the fish live. (c) What is such a home called.

ANSWERS

1. The place where an animal lives.
2. In water, such as rivers and lakes.
3. Cutting down trees, burning grass or polluting water.
4. Plant trees, keep water clean or do not burn grass.
5. (a) Polluting the water. (b) Animals that live in the water, such as fish. (c) Keep the water clean.
6. (a) In a tree in the forest. (b) In the river. (c) A habitat.

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