

Year 2: Habitats Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary			Sticky Knowledge about habitats
food chain	Shows the order of how living things depend on each other.		☐ A habitat is a place that an animal lives. It provides the animal with food, water and shelter.
dependent	Rely on something.		
living	Things that grow reproduce, grow, move and breathe		☐ There are many different sorts of habitats around the world from forests to grasslands and from mountain slopes to deserts.
woodland	Woodland is a low-density forest with plenty of sunlight and limited shade.		
ponds	A pond is a body of water smaller than a lake. Ponds support a very wide range of wildlife.	Important facts to know by the end of the habitats topic: • know how a specific habitat provides for the basic needs of things living there • identify and name plants and animals in a range of habitats • match living things to their habitat • know how animals find their food • name some different sources of food for animals	☐ Animals like cockroaches are really important in a habitat - they eat the dead plants and recycle the nutrients back into the soil.
sea	A sea is part of the ocean partially enclosed by land. Seas are found on the margins of the ocean and are partially enclosed by land.		
rainforest	Tropical rainforests are forests with tall trees, warm climates, and lots of rain.		☐ People are causing harm to many habitats. Forests are being burnt down, lakes and rivers polluted and the polar ice caps are melting.
desert	A desert is any large region that gets very little rain each year. Very few plants or animals live in desert areas.		
species	A group of animals, plants or other living things that all share common characteristics and that are all classified as alike in some manner.		☐ Because resources like water and food may be limited, plant and animal species often compete with each other for food and water.
microhabitats	Microhabitats are the small-scale physical requirements of a particular organism or a community of organisms.		☐ Because the Earth is always changing, habitats are constantly changing.