

Year 2: Habitats Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary			Sticky Knowledge about habitats
dinosaur	Dinosaurs were the main animals on Earth for more than 150 million years. They were lizard-like reptiles.		☐ A habitat is a place that an animal lives. It provides the animal with food, water and shelter.
indigenous	Produced, growing, living, or occurring naturally in a particular region or environment.		☐ There are many different sorts of habitats around the world from forests to grasslands and from mountain slopes to deserts.
rivers	A river is a flowing, moving stream of water. Usually a river feeds water into an ocean, lake, pond, or even another river.		☐ Animals like cockroaches are really important in a habitat - they eat the dead plants and recycle the nutrients back into the soil.
woodland	Woodland is a low-density forest with plenty of sunlight and limited shade.		☐ People are causing harm to many habitats. Forests are being burnt down, lakes and rivers polluted and the polar ice caps are melting.
ponds	A pond is a body of water smaller than a lake. Ponds support a very wide range of wildlife.		☐ Because resources like water and food may be limited, plant and animal species often compete with each other for food and water.
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.	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	☐ Because the Earth is always changing, habitats are constantly changing.
rainforest	Tropical rainforests are forests with tall trees, warm climates, and lots of rain.		
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.		
microhabitats	Microhabitats are the small-scale physical requirements of a particular organism or a community of organisms.		