

What is a habitat?

1. A habitat is a place where an animal lives.
2. Different animals are found in different habitats.
3. Habitats can be big, like a forest, or small, like a tree branch.
4. Other words for a habitat are: biome, environment, ecosystem or home.

What do all habitats need to have?

1. A habitat needs to provide shelter from the weather, and safety to raise babies.
2. A habitat needs to have air, because animals need to breathe.
3. A habitat needs to provide food, so animals can grow.
4. A habitat needs to provide water, as all animals need to drink water.
5. A habitat needs to provide space, so that animals have room to find food, water and shelter. The space can be large, like an ocean, or small, like an anthill. Some animals need a lot of space or territory, and others can live comfortably in a small area.

What are the names of some habitats?

Arctic tundra	Ocean
Desert	Mountain forest
Savannah grassland	Shore
Rainforest	Farm
Pond	House

Can any animal live in all these habitats?

No. Animals can only live comfortably in one (or two) habitats. They have adapted to their habitat. For example, Polar bears are adapted to live in the cold, frosty Arctic tundra. Their thick white fur provides a camouflage against the snow, and warmth from the freezing air. Polar bears with their thick fur coat could not live in a hot desert habitat, or find enough food in a small pond habitat.