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What is a Habitat?

Life is everywhere, in the oceans, in the polar regions, in the desert, the grasslands, the rainforest and in forests. All of our habitats are found on Earth. A habitat is a place outdoors where there are living and non living things. Plants and animals survive in the many regions throughout the world. Many habitats overlap each other and there are all sizes of habitats. Many animals make their home in a habitat. A habitat is made of the plants and animals along with many non



living things like rocks, sand, dirt or soil and water. For plants and animals to survive in a habitat, they need to have everything they need, air, food, water and sometimes shelter. For an animal to survive a specific habitat, they need everything that is suitable for them to be found in that habitat because all living things interact with the habitat they live in. For instance, a squirrel who needs nuts to survive wouldn't find that in a desert or a grasslands and needs nut bearing plant life like trees to survive. A sea animal has a body that's intended to swim and the needs wouldn't be available in the grasslands or a forest. There are very different animals and plants in different parts of the world, but what makes it a habitat is when the plants and the animals can interact in a way where their survival needs are all met. Living things interact with the non living things that are suitable to them. Humans are also living things who adapt to the habitat they live in. They too need their basic needs of shelter, food, air and water to survive. All over earth, plant and animal communities make up the various habitats.

Questions:

- ❶ Describe your habitat, where does your food and water come from? What animals and plants live in your habitat?
- ❷ Using your own words in two sentences, define what a habitat is.
- ❸ How do animals interact with their habitat to have their needs met?
- ❹ Why can't all living things live in the same habitat?