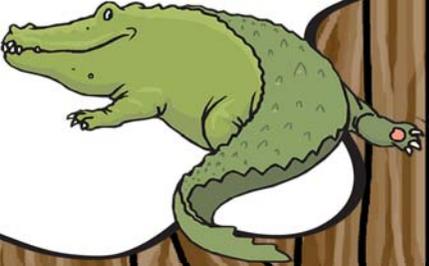


23 Habitat Task Cards

- ☞ These task cards should be cut and laminated for repeated use. Store by using a binder ring in the corner or store in envelopes or a binder sleeve.
- ☞ The task cards here can be used at centers, individually or in small groups. Students can respond pictorially or in written form.
- ☞ Many of the task cards support higher level thinking, making connections, synthesizing, application and analyzing.
- ☞ Tracking included along with some basic answers.

1 Habitat Task Cards
Could an alligator live at the Poles? Why or why not?

A cartoon illustration of a green alligator with a white underbelly, standing on a wooden log. The alligator is facing left and has its mouth slightly open.

2 Habitat Task Cards
What does a squirrel use from its habitat to live and to grow?

A cartoon illustration of a brown squirrel with a white underbelly, sitting on a wooden log. The squirrel is facing left and has its mouth open as if eating.

3

Habitat Task Cards

How do insects use soil to live and grow?



4

Habitat Task Cards

What does a bird use a tree for?



5

Habitat Task Cards

What does a frog need a pond for?



6

Habitat Task Cards

What does a person need the sun for?



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Habitat Task Cards

How do people use water to live and grow?



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Habitat Task Cards

Could a whale live in the desert? Why or why not?



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Habitat Task Cards

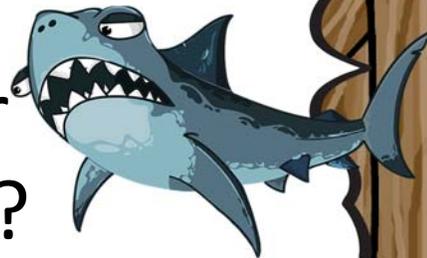
Pick an animal and show what it needs plants for.



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Habitat Task Cards

What animals depend on other animals for food?



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Habitat Task Cards

What animals wouldn't be able to survive in the desert and why?

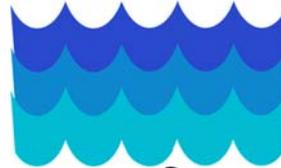


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Habitat Task Cards

Could people survive
in the ocean?

Why or why not?



13

Habitat Task Cards

If you had to move to a
different habitat, which
one would you
choose and why?



14

Habitat Task Cards

Name a threat that harms
animals of the ocean?

Why is it harmful?



15

Habitat Task Cards

How many ways can you list that the sun helps living things grow and live?



16

Habitat Task Cards

How do animals help plants?



17

Habitat Task Cards

Some animals are herbivores (*eat plants*), some are (*carnivores*) eat animals and some are omnivores (*eat both*). List as many of each as you can.

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Habitat Task Cards

Grasshoppers eat grass and some birds eat grasshoppers, this is called a food chain. Can you name other food chains?



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Habitat Task Cards

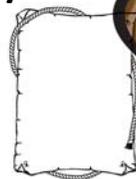
Which animals live in your habitat? What needs do they have?



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Habitat Task Cards

Design a habitat poster, explain how the non living (plant/soil/water/sun) are used by the plants and animals.



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Habitat Task Cards

What do you think would happen if whales were brought to ponds, lakes or rivers to live?



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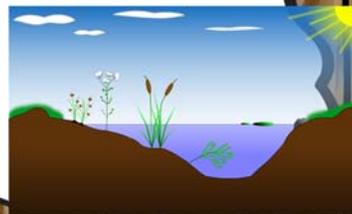
Habitat Task Cards

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23

Habitat Task Cards

In your opinion, what is the best habitat to live in and why?



LIST OF TASK CARDS WITH SOME BASIC ANSWERS

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- 2) What does a squirrel use from its habitat to live and to grow? (*Trees to escape prey, find shelter, find nuts...*)
- 3) How do insects use soil to live and grow? (*Shelter, food, escape predators*)
- 4) What does a bird use a tree for? (*Rest, find shelter, find food in, build nests from, escape prey...*)
- 5) What does a frog need a pond for? (*Lay eggs, find shelter, find food, escape prey*)
- 6) What does a human need the sun for? (*Find warmth, grow foods, recreation..*)
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