

The truth about... habitats

A habitat is a place that an animal lives. It provides the animal with food, water and shelter.

There are many different sorts of habitats around the world from forests to grasslands and from mountain slopes to deserts.



Different habitats are home to different animals. They live well together because they all do things to help keep the whole habitat healthy and in balance.



Animals like cockroaches are really important in a habitat—they eat the dead plants and recycle the nutrients back into the soil, which helps the plants to grow.



The story of who eats what in a habitat is called a food chain.

Fruit bats help to spread seeds by eating the fruit and passing the seeds out in their droppings.



Sadly people are causing many habitats around the world to disappear. Forests are being burnt down, lakes and rivers polluted and the polar ice caps are melting.

Without our help, these habitats and the animals that live in them could become extinct.

