

WHAT IS A HABITAT?



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Words in **bold** are in the glossary.

YOUR HABITAT

Do you ever think about what you need to survive? Your favorite game? Your favorite book? Does a game or book help you live? No, you need food to live! Food is part of a **habitat**.

A habitat is the place where an animal lives, eats, grows, and stays safe.

What does a person need to stay safe? A table, chair, tablet, or an apartment? An apartment is a place to stay safe. A family has food and water here. An apartment is a habitat!



A HABITAT INVESTIGATION

Let's investigate which habitats are best for animals. Look at the photos of four habitats and four animals. Where might each animal best survive?

mountain



desert



savanna



wetland

Think about the food animals will find. Think about where they'll find water. Where will the animal find a safe place to sleep and stay away from **predators**? Make a list of which animals belong in each habitat for your investigation.

elephant



bighorn sheep



lizard



heron

People eat fruit and vegetables. Some people like to eat meat. Food and water are needed to live. Most people sleep on a bed. What's more important is that they have a home, or **shelter**, to keep them warm and safe.

It's the same with animals. They need shelter to keep them safe from predators. They also need shelter to raise **offspring**. Habitats also provide animals with food and water. Habitats are important for a **species** to survive.

