



Stuffed In a Habitat

Habitats provide every living being the basic needs for survival. In this “wild” activity, your kids will choose an animal and use research and creativity to build a habitat that provides the necessary food, water and shelter to keep that animal alive.

Fun Facts/Information:

- The place where a plant or animal naturally lives and grows is called a habitat.
- A zoo is a habitat for many different animal species.
- A habitat supports the growth of many different plants and animals by meeting their basic needs of food, water, and shelter.
- There are many different habitats on Earth, including forests, grasslands, deserts, mountains, polar regions and water.



Materials:

- Stuffed Animal/Animal Figurine/Paper Animal Cut-out
- Cardboard/Shoe boxes/Paper Plates
- Glue/Glue Stick/Tape
- Supplies and decorations suitable for your animal's habitat such as but not limited to:
 - Cotton Balls
 - Popsicle Sticks/Craft Sticks
 - Coffee Stirrers
 - Construction Paper/White Plain Paper
 - Multiple Colors of Glitter
 - Composition Paper
 - Pictures of animals, plants and/or water
 - Markers/Crayons/Colored Pencils
 - Pencils/Pens

Procedure

1. Research information about your animal of choice before you begin to make your animal's habitat.
2. Consider these questions:
 - *Where does my animal make its home?*
 - *What does your animal need to survive in his/her home?*

3. Next, click on one of the following links to view a video about the different types of animal habitats:
 - Habitats for Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7jwJ2bl9Lg>
 - Habitat of Animals/Classification of Animals on Habitat/Dr. Binocs Show/Peekaboo Kidz (3-5) 6:48 <https://youtu.be/5hFoZqOggrM>
4. After watching one or both videos, you can begin to draw your personal habitat for your animal of choice using the paper, crayons/colored pencils and/or markers.
5. Once you have completed your drawing of your animal's personal habitat, think about which things are essential for your animal's survival in their habitats.
6. Now design your animal's habitat with the materials you have gathered.
7. Once your animal's habitat is completed, ask yourself the following questions:
 - *Does my animal's habitat include all necessary components that my animal needs to survive?*
 - *Can I improve the design of my animal's habitat?*
 - *Will my animal of choice enjoy his/her habitat?*
 - *Do I need to add more things or take a few things away?*
 - *Can I describe my habitat to my parent, friend, sibling, or teacher?*

Follow-Up/Extensions:

- Choose an animal that you are not familiar with learn about its habitat.
- Use other materials around your house to create the habitat like Legos or Play-Doh.