Science

Living things and their habitats

Update your butterfly diary

What do they look like? (sketch a picture)

Are they moving? Where?

Have they got bigger?

Is it time to release them?

Reading Starter

Endangered black rhinos go home to Rwanda



Long way home: The rhinos travelled 6,000 miles from Europe to Africa!

Glossary

Endangered:

Habitat:

Poaching:

Conservation:

Extinction:

Endangered black rhinos go home to Rwanda

Are zoos good for animals? This week, five black rhinos were sent to live in their natural habitat in Africa. They were all born in captivity in European zoos.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Four-year-old Olmoti is an endangered black rhino. She was born in Germany, and then moved to a zoo in Yorkshire in 2015. Now, she has been flown all the way to Rwanda in Africa.
She is one of five rhinos born in Europe that were sent, this week, to live in their natural habitat.

FIND OUT MORE

They will now spend several months living in an enclosure in Akagera National Park. When experts are happy that they have settled in, the rhinos will be released to live in the wild.
Black rhinos are an endangered species. There are only around 5,000 left, and 10% of these live in European zoos.
This is why zookeepers say it is important to send the rhinos back to the wild. Rwanda has made sure that they will not be at risk from poaching in their new home.
Are zoos good for animals?

SOME SAY...

No! These rhinos could have been enjoying life in their natural home. Instead, they were being used for entertainment in Europe. We should send all zoo animals back home to the wild.

OTHERS THINK...

Zoos are good for conservation. Sadly, many wild animals are in danger. Zoos are a safe place where endangered species are treated well and saved from extinction. Also, they are fun to visit!

I do

How many black rhinos were sent to live in their natural habitat?

We do

How old is Olmoti?

Where was Olmoti born?

You do

Where is Olmoti's natural habitat?

How many black rhinos are there left?

Is it wrong to keep animals in zoos?

LO: Identify what makes a suitable habitat for a living thing using key information

What does a habitat need for an animal to survive there?

Discuss

Can any animal live there?

Why/why not?

What animals might live here? Why?




Snow Leopard
Brown Bear
Ptarmigan
Mountain Goat
Bald Eagle
Monarch Butterfly
Himalayan Jumping Spider
Marmot

I do

A mountain makes a suitable habitat for mountain goats because

What animals might live here? Why?




Loggerhead Turtle
Great White Shark
Sea Anemone
Octopus
Stingray
Dolphin

I do

The sea makes a suitable habitat for

What animals might live here? Why?




African Wild Ass
Camel
Scorpion
Roadrunner
Dung Beetle
Meercat

We do - whiteboards

The desert makes a suitable habitat for

What animals might live here? Why?




Fallow Deer
Red Squirrel
Stag Beetle
Badger
Greater
Spotted
Woodpecker
Wood Mouse

We do - white boards

The forest makes a suitable habitat for

What animals might live here? Why?




Polar Bear
Penguin
Narwhal
Walrus
Arctic Fox
Antarctic Midge

You do

The polar regions makes a suitable habitat for

What animals might live here? Why?




Otter
Crocodile
Damselfly
Salmon
Frog
Kingfisher

You do

A river makes a suitable habitat for

What animals might live here? Why?



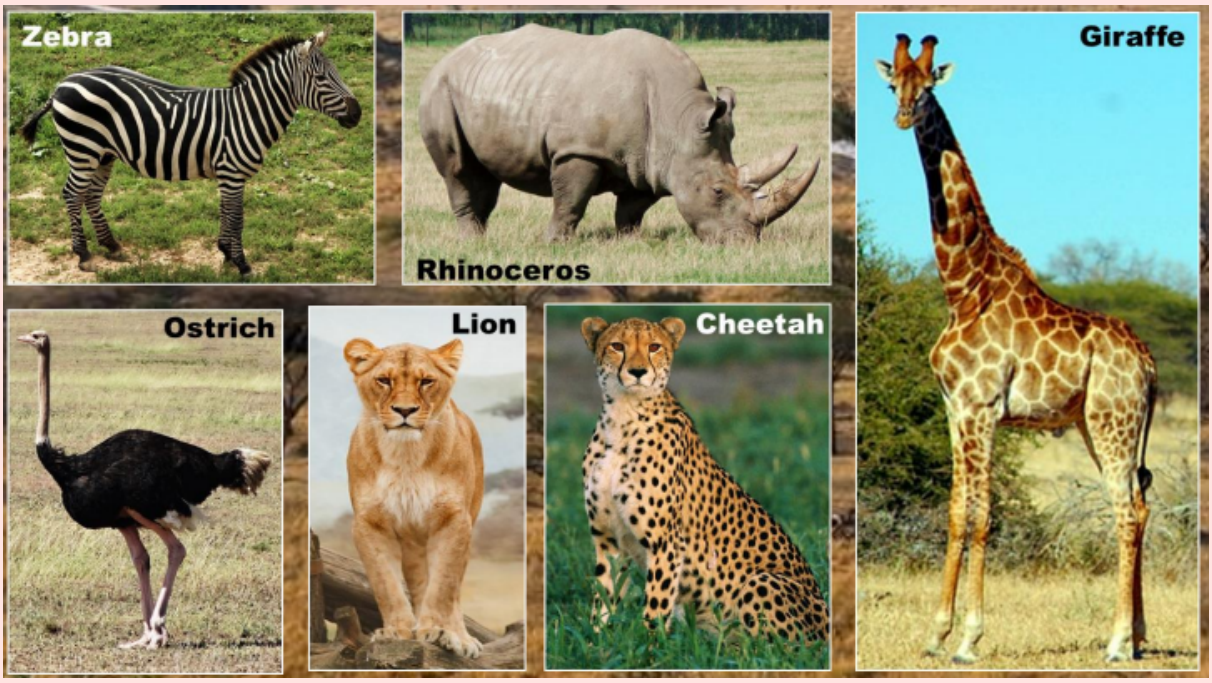

Crab
Black
Headed
Gull
Sand Fly
Mussels
Starfish
Seal

You do

A beach makes a suitable habitat for

What animals might live here? Why?

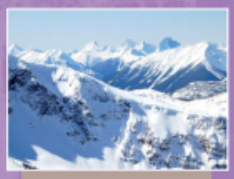



Zebra
Rhinoceros
Giraffe
Ostrich
Lion
Cheetah

You do

The savannah makes a suitable habitat for

MAKING HABITATS



MOUNTAIN



RIVER



JUNGLE



SEA



DESERT



BEACH



FOREST



POLAR

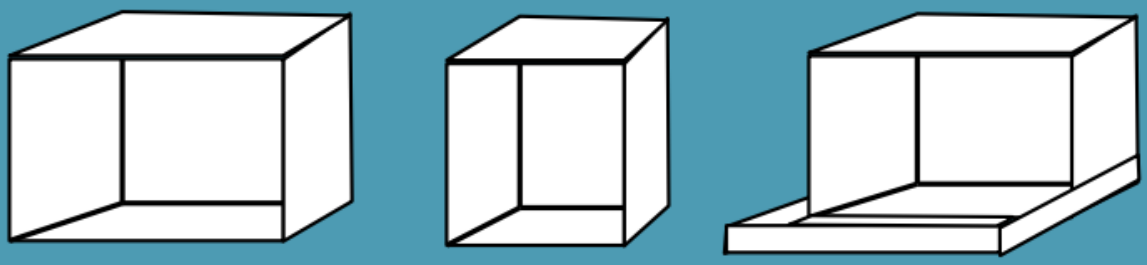


SAVANNAH

You will be given a habitat to research, look at:
animals, plants, shapes, colours and textures

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

The box: shape, size, lid ?



Which animals ?

Which plants?

Other things (never alive)



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Find out the animals, plants and colours for your habitat and sort them into types.

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Research

Animals	Plants	Other things	Colours

Independent learning

Herbivore	Carnivore	Omnivore	Flowering	Non flowering