

Animal Habitats

A habitat is a natural environment that an animal lives in. A habitat provides animals with 3 important things:

- food;
- shelter;
- a safe place to raise their young.



What Do Frogs Need in a Habitat?



predator: an animal that hunts other animals.

- **Food**, such as flies, cockroaches and spiders are caught on the frog's long, sticky tongue. Bigger frogs can eat bigger animals, like mice and birds.
- **Camouflage**, so that they are less visible to predators, such as otters, birds and fish.
- **Water** is needed for drinking and for laying their eggs in.

This means...

... frogs are best suited to living in places where there is water, such as near a pond or lake.

What Do Polar Bears Need in a Habitat?

- **Food**, such as seals, reindeer and fish. They can even use their sense of smell to find seals hiding under the snow.
- **Camouflage**, so that they are harder to spot. Their see-through fur reflects the white of the snow around them and lets them blend in.
- **Sea ice** for hunting on, living on and breeding on.

This means...

... polar bears are best suited to living in the Arctic Circle.



What Do Birds Need in a Habitat?



- **Food**, such as berries, worms and small insects.
- **Camouflage**, so that they are less visible to predators.
- **Materials** for nest-building, such as twigs and leaves.

This means...

... birds are best suited to living in places where there are plenty of trees, such as woods, gardens and parks.

What Do Foxes Need in a Habitat?

- **Water**, to stay hydrated in all conditions.
- **Prey**, such as birds and mice. They are scavengers, which means they will eat almost anything like insects, earthworms, fruit, berries, and food waste left by humans.
- **A den** to live in. This is usually a hole under the ground.

This means...

... foxes are best suited to living in places where there is plenty of water, prey and somewhere for them to make a den, such as a forest.

