



What Is a Habitat?



New Words

A Read about habitats.

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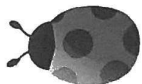
A habitat is the natural home of an animal or a plant. The habitat should have food and shelter, as well as a place to raise babies.

When we build houses and roads, we remove habitats for plants and animals. Many animals and plants have lost their habitats in this way. We need to replace these lost homes by making new places for animals and plants to live. It is important to make new habitats because we need to have lots of different types of plants and animals living in our world.

How can we help to make new habitats for plants and animals? We can sow wildflowers, leave logs in shady places, put up birdhouses and feeders, make a small pond, leave little cracks in walls and let patches of grass grow wild.

B Draw four habitats, with plants or animals in each one.

Hint: Here are some plants and animals you might see in these habitats.



ladybird



tadpole



bee



butterfly



caterpillar



fly



leaves



ant



flower



spider



sparrow



frog

Wildflower patch

Under a log

Crack in a wall

In a pond

Find out about one of Ireland's common wildflowers. Write a Fact File on it.

