

Exploring Habitats with Nova the Owl

Learning objective: To describe how animals are adapted to suit their environment in their natural habitats.

Use this scaffold to write a scientific report about a habitat of your choice. Use the word bank to help you link your ideas together.

A habitat is a natural home for living things, and every organism found there has unique features that help it survive in that specific environment.

Word bank: specifically adapted · consequently · furthermore · in addition · on the other hand · essential for survival · due to the environment · characteristic

1. Introduction: Describe the habitat you have chosen. Start your paragraph with: 'The chosen habitat for my report is...' (2 marks)

2. Living Things: Identify two plants or animals that live there. Start your paragraph with: 'Within this environment, one can find...' (2 marks)

3. Adaptations: Explain how one creature is adapted to its home. Start your paragraph with: 'The creature is perfectly suited to its home because...' (3 marks)

4. Environmental Conditions: Explain what the climate or surroundings are like. Start your paragraph with: 'The conditions in this habitat are often...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why this habitat is important. Start your paragraph with: 'In conclusion, this habitat is vital because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a human-made change to a habitat (such as building a road or deforestation) and add a paragraph to your report explaining how this might affect the animals living there.