

Nova's Habitat Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and describe the characteristics of different habitats and how animals are suited to them.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the words. Answer the questions in the spaces provided. If you get stuck, look back at the text.

Nova the owl loves to fly over different habitats. A habitat is the natural home where an animal lives. Nova sees a bright green forest. Here, many animals use camouflage to hide in the leaves. Camouflage helps them stay safe from bigger animals.

Next, Nova flies over a dry, sandy desert. The sun is very hot. Animals in the desert have special adaptations to help them survive. Some desert animals only come out at night when it is cooler.

Nova also visits the cold, icy ocean with Finn the dolphin. The water is freezing, but Finn has a thick layer of blubber under his skin to keep him warm. Every habitat is different. Whether it is a forest, a desert, or an ocean, every living thing needs food, water, and shelter to survive. If the environment changes, animals must adapt or move to a new place. Nova thinks it is amazing how every creature is perfectly suited to its own special home.

Word bank: Habitat: The natural home of an animal or plant. · Adaptation: A special feature that helps an animal survive. · Environment: The surroundings where a living thing lives. · Camouflage: Colours or patterns that help an animal hide.

1. What are the three things that every living thing needs to survive? (2 marks)

2. Where does Finn the dolphin live? (1 mark)

3. Why do some animals in the forest use camouflage? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think desert animals come out at night instead of during the day? (2 marks)

5. Which habitat do you think is the most interesting? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your favourite animal in its habitat. Add labels to show one way it is adapted to live there, like sharp claws or special colours.



Extension challenge: Pick one animal from the story. Write two sentences about why it would struggle to live in a different habitat. For example, why would a dolphin find it hard to live in a desert?