



MINNESOTA ZOO
Changing how you see the world

Habitat Match

Grades 1-3

Pre-visit Activity

MN Graduation Standards supported:

Grades K Strand I.B

The student will raise questions about the natural world.

Grades 1-2 Strand I.B

The student will raise questions about the natural world, make careful observations, and seek answers.

Grade 2 Strand IV.C

The student will understand that organisms live in different environments.

Vocabulary: (see procedure)

Introduction:

This pre-visit activity that will familiarize students with habitat vocabulary. It can be used as independent practice or as part of whole group instruction.

Objectives:

At the end of this lesson, students will:

1. Select an animal and correctly identify its habitat name.

Procedure:

1. Help students identify the animal drawings on the Habitat match worksheet: fish, prairie dog, polar bear, giraffe, tiger, deer, scorpion, exotic frog.
2. Introduce the habitat vocabulary defining & describing each one:
 - a. habitat – the place or conditions in which a plant or animal lives
 - b. desert – an area of land in very hot climates with few plants and no permanent bodies of water
 - c. forest – areas of land covered with trees and other plants growing close together
 - d. jungle – an area covered with dense vegetation that is largely impenetrable
 - e. prairie – a treeless grass covered plain
 - f. ocean – a large expanse of salt water
 - g. rainforest – a thick evergreen tropical forest found in areas of heavy rainfall and containing trees with broad leaves that form a continuous canopy
 - h. savanna – a flat grassland, sometimes with scattered trees, in a tropical or subtropical region

Links:

<http://t3.preservice.org/T0110505/>

http://www.coe.unt.edu/TeacherTools/webquests/animal_habitats/Animal%20Habitats%20WebQuest.htm

www.mnzoo.org/animals/index.asp

Procedure Continued:

3. Have students draw a line that matches an animal to its likely habitat:
 - fish – ocean
 - prairie dog – prairie
 - polar bear – tundra
 - giraffe – savanna
 - tiger – jungle
 - deer – forest
 - scorpion – desert
 - exotic frog - rainforest