



# Have to Have a Habitat

A habitat is the immediate environment in which an organism (an animal or plant) lives. Habitats can be big (like a jungle) or small (like a leaf); however, animals need five things to survive in their habitat: food, water, air, shelter and a place to raise young.

**Materials:** Get creative and use what you have around the house! You could use cardboard, a shoe box, clay, blocks or toy bricks, etc. to build a display or you could draw it out on paper!

## Directions:



### Pick a Habitat

Choose a habitat such as the ocean, arctic or forest.



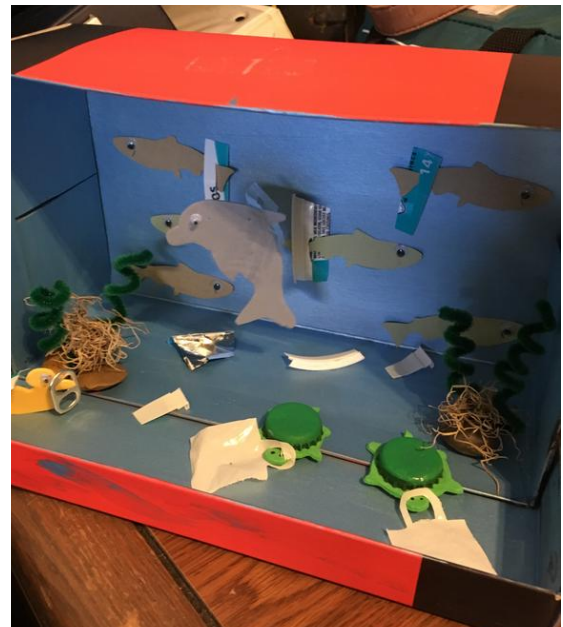
### Pick a Medium

Choose the materials to make your display. Do you want to build something? Would you prefer to draw it out on paper? Be creative!



### Research & Build

Include all the animals, plants and features (mountains, lakes, etc.) that live in the habitat. Don't forget to include the animals' five needs!



## Thinking Question:



Some animals live successfully in more than one habitat. What is an adaptation? How does it help an animal to survive?



## Parent Tip:

No matter where an animal lives, it interacts with other animals and organisms. Discuss with your child what would happen if an animal or organism were removed from their habitat.