

Homey Habitats

March Early Elementary Must-Haves

MONDAY

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Ocean Habitats: Part 1

Match ocean animals to their habitats based on an informational text.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 1: Steps 1-5](#)
- [Comparing Ocean Habitats handout](#)

TUESDAY

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Ocean Habitats: Part 2

Diagram, describe, and discuss where different animals live in the ocean.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 1: Steps 6-11](#)
- [Ocean Habitats handout](#)
- [Coast article](#)
- [Ocean article](#)

WEDNESDAY

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Tide Pool Test

Explain how tide pool animals adapt to the changing tide.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 2](#)
- [Rising Tide video](#)
- [Tide article](#)

THURSDAY

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Sea Home Survival Circle

Take turns completing the sentence, "My ocean home helps me survive because..." while pretending to be different sea creatures.

- [Water Animals](#)
- [Sea Mammals](#)
- [Fish](#)

FRIDAY

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Anglerfish Art

Demonstrate how anglerfish catch prey in their deep-ocean habitat.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 3](#)
- [Anglerfish Craft Instructions](#)
- [Ocean article](#)

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Ocean Levels Movement Game

Act out the different ocean zones by becoming surface-dwelling dolphins in the sunlit zone, anglerfish in the dark zone, and crabs on the ocean floor.

- [Water Animals](#)
- [Sea Mammals](#)
- [Fish](#)

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Desert Discovery

Use descriptive language and vocabulary words to discuss the main characteristics of desert habitats.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 1](#)
- [Desert Memory Game](#)
- [K-W-L graphic organizer](#)
- [Desert article](#)

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Cool Camel Adaptations

Describe specific traits of camels and how they help camels live in their desert habitat.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 2](#)
- [Bubble Web graphic organizer](#)
- [Camel Adaptations Match-Up](#)
- [Camel article](#)

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Diversity of Desert Life: Part 1

Use vocab words to explain how animals such as fennecs and coyotes survive in the desert.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 3: Steps 1-2](#)
- [Desert article](#)
- [Coyote article](#)

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Diversity of Desert Life: Part 2

Use vocab words to explain how animals such as lizards and snakes survive in the desert.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 3: Steps 2-4](#)
- [Gila Monster article](#)
- [Snake article](#)

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Desert Survival Charades

Act out desert animal adaptations, such as how camels store water, how snakes move on sand, or how Gila monsters conserve energy, while classmates guess what you're demonstrating.

- [Reptile article](#)
- [Camel article](#)

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Diversity of Desert Life: Part 3

Compare and discuss coyotes, Gila monsters, and snakes and their specific survival traits.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 3: Steps 5-8](#)
- [Diversity of Desert Life handout](#)

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Diversity of Desert Life: Part 4

Play Simon Says to practice knowledge of desert animal behaviors and discuss what you've learned.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 3: Steps 9-10](#)

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Desert Habitat Hot Potato

Sit in a circle and pass around a ball while taking turns naming something in the desert—an animal, plant, or weather condition—to reinforce desert vocabulary and characteristics.

- [Desert article](#)

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Discovering Rainforest Homes

Describe a rainforest habitat and identify different animal adaptations.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 1](#)
- [Where People Can Live handout](#)
- [Rainforest Habitat coloring sheet](#)
- [Rainforest article](#)

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Exploring Types of Rainforests

Identify and illustrate distinct characteristics of both tropical and temperate rainforests.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 2](#)
- [T-Chart graphic organizer](#)
- [Rainforest article](#)

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Rainforest Animals: Wolves and Leopards

Compare wolves and leopards and identify the different rainforests they inhabit.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 3](#)
- [Leopard article](#)
- [Wolf article](#)

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Rainforest Stories

Describe toucans and develop your creative skills by crafting a story.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 4](#)
- [Toucan Trivia](#)
- [Toucan coloring sheet](#)
- [Toucan article](#)

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Rainforest Layer Race

Act as different animals moving to their rainforest layer (sloths slowly climbing to the canopy, jaguars prowling the forest floor, toucans flying to the emergent layer)

- [Rainforest article](#)

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Rainforest Shelter Chain

Reinforce vocab and habitat knowledge by creating a story chain in a team about rainforest homes, with each student adding a sentence about how different animals find shelter.

- [Rainforest article](#)

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Humans Have Habitats Too!

Reflect on all you have learned this month. Discuss ways to describe your own habitat.

- [Habitat article](#)

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