Learning Activity 2: Habitat Matching Game

An Activity for Understanding That Different Animals Live in Different Habitats

Learning Goal:
- Students will understand that different animals live in different habitats

Objectives:
- Students will correctly match each animal to their appropriate habitat
- Students will learn how an animal's appearance indicates its native habitat
- Students will learn how an animal's habitat can impact its diet and behaviors

Materials:
- Habitat Matching Game Worksheet
- Images of habitats divided into four quadrants each (from worksheet)
- Photographs of four animals from each habitat (from worksheet)

Preparation:
1. Print habitat boards on cards stock or photo paper for repeat use.
2. Print 2 sets of species cards:
   a. One to use as an answer key.
   b. The second on card stock or photo paper for repeat use.
3. Cut out the species cards that are printed on card stock or photo paper for placement on appropriate Habitat Boards.

Introduction:

- Discuss what makes up a habitat (food, shelter, air, space)
- Discuss that there are many different types of habitats and that different animals live in each habitat
- Have children pick an animal. Discuss the habitat in which it lives. Be sure to mention the color of the animal and the diet sources in the habitat

Instructions:

- Choose at least two habitats (can be more) and the animal photographs that go with those habitats
- Scramble animal photographs
- Student must place each animal in its correct habitat

Calls to Action:

- Have students pick one of the animals and explain what it eats and where it finds water and shelter
- Plant a tree or flower as a class to create you own backyard habitat
- Set up recycling bins in your classroom
- Create a trash sorting activity where kids have to pick out the appropriate items to be recycled or thrown away

Additional Resources:

- New England Primate Conservancy website: www.neprimateconservancy.org
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- Animals in the News
- Endangered Species
- Primate Facts
- Primate Species Profiles
- Farm Animal Fun Facts
- FAQs
- Letters From the Field Blog
- Videos Series
- Wildlife Conservation
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URBAN

PIGEON

SQUIRREL

BAT

RAT

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ROADRUNNER  PRAIRIE DOG
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FARM

Rooster

Cow

Goats

Sheep
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SAVANNA

ZEBA
LEOPARD
HYENA
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POND

BOX TURTLE

SWAN

FISH

BEAVER

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