

Lesson/Activity Title:

WHAT'S MY HABITAT?: ANIMAL HABITAT MATCH GAME



Time: 1 class period

Instructional Goals:

- The student will use the PebbleGo Animals online database to research animals and their habitats.
- The student will learn the vocabulary term *habitat*.
- The student will be introduced to animal adaptations.

Materials/Resources:

- PebbleGo Animals online database
- Set of What's My Habitat? game cards for each group

Procedures/Lesson Activities:

Focus

1. Tell students they will be playing a matching game. Pass out a set of What's My Habitat? game cards to each group.
2. Explain to students that they will work to match each animal to its correct habitat.

Teach/Model

3. Tell students that a *habitat* is the natural environment in which an animal lives.
4. Project the PebbleGo Animal database and demonstrate how to navigate to the Animal Habitats section. Walk students through the seven different animal habitats included, briefly discussing each one.
5. Demonstrate for students how to use the tabs to read additional information, and how to view the video in the Media section under the article.
6. Show students how to search for individual animals using the search box at the top of the screen. Demonstrate navigating through the articles, using the read aloud feature and watching the video.

Guided Practice

7. Model for students matching one pair of the What's My Habitat? game cards. Demonstrate reading through PebbleGo Animals' habitat information to learn about the habitat.
8. Ask students to make an educated guess as to which animal most likely lives in that habitat. Ask students why they think that animal lives in the habitat you are trying to match.
9. Search for the animal they suggest and read through the article to determine if their guess was correct and if they have made a match.

Independent Practice



10. Allow time for each group to use the PebbleGo Animals database and match the remaining What's My Habitat? game cards. Monitor students to ensure they are checking their matches using the information in the PebbleGo Animals database.

Closure

11. Have students share their animal/habitat matches.
12. Introduce the term *adaptation* (changes an animal makes in order to survive its environment). Explain that each of the animals have adapted to live in their habitats. For example, walrus have a thick layer of blubber under their skin to keep them warm in the cold, harsh polar region.
13. Ask students if they can think of adaptations camels have made to survive in the dry, hot desert. (Camels have adapted to the dry conditions with the ability to store extra fat in their humps for when they cannot find food, and their wide feet keep them from sinking in the soft sand.)
14. Brainstorm with the class other animal adaptations, such as growing thick fur/hair and camouflaging.

Extend/Enrich

- Have students research the adaptations for each animal in the matching game.
- Ask students to make their own animal habitat matching games using new animals for each habitat.

What's My Habitat?



Make a set of game cards for each group. Students will use the **PebbleGo Animals** database to match each animal with its habitat.

What's My Habitat? Match Game

Match the animals to the habitat they each live in. Use **PebbleGo Animals** to help you find the correct answers.

What's My Habitat? Match Game

Animals

What's My Habitat? Match Game



Beaver

What's My Habitat? Match Game



Zebra

What's My Habitat? Match Game



Boa Constrictor

What's My Habitat? Match Game



Killer Whale

What's My Habitat? Match Game



Walrus

What's My Habitat? Match Game



Camel

What's My Habitat? Match Game



Deer

What's My Habitat?



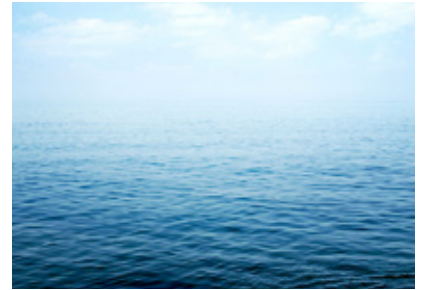
**What's My Habitat?
Match Game**

habitat—the natural home of an animal or plant

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Habitats

**What's My Habitat?
Match Game**



Ocean

**What's My Habitat?
Match Game**



Grasslands

**What's My Habitat?
Match Game**



Desert

**What's My Habitat?
Match Game**



Woodlands

**What's My Habitat?
Match Game**



Polar Regions

**What's My Habitat?
Match Game**



Rain Forest

**What's My Habitat?
Match Game**



Wetlands