

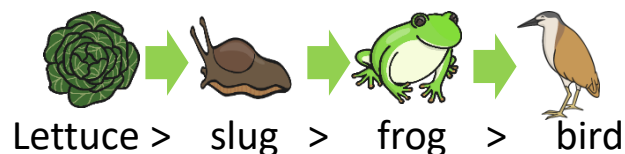


Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Organism	a single individual or being
Habitat	the natural environment in which an animal or plant normally lives or grows
Consumers	animals that eat plants and/or other animals
Food chain	the order in which living things depend on each other for food
Herbivore	an animal that only eats plants
Carnivore	an animal that only eats meat
Omnivore	person or animal that eats both meat and plants
Invertebrate	a creature that does not have a spine e.g. an insect
Microhabitat	a small part of the environment that supports a habitat e.g. a fallen log
Minibeast	a small invertebrate animal e.g. an insect or spider

Food Chains

Animals and plants depend on each other to **survive**, this called a **food chain**. All living things (or things that were once living) have a part to play in food chains. Without them, other animals and plants may not be able to survive.
For example:



Life Processes

All living things do certain things to stay alive. These are the life processes:

Movement – animals and plants move towards light

Reproduction – animals have babies, plants have seeds

Sensitivity – they react to what is happening around them

Nutrition – they need their own food

Excretion – they get rid of waste they produce

Respiration – they breathe

Growth – they grow



What is a habitat?

- A **habitat** is a place where living things, such as animals and plants, can find all of the things they need to survive.
- This includes food, water, air, space to move and grow and some shelter.

Below are some different habitats



ocean



forest



river



pond



coast



desert



woodland



tundra

What is a micro-habitat?

- **Microhabitats** are very small habitats where **minibeasts** may live. E.g under stones, in grass, under fallen leaves and in the soil.
- Minibeasts that can be found there include worms, snails, ants, centipedes, millipedes, and butterflies.
- Minibeasts find the things they need to survive there, such as food and water. E.g. caterpillars can survive on leaves as they give them food.

Extending your learning:

1. Visit your local library and see what non-fiction books you can find about habitats.
2. Go for a walk in your local park. Can you spot any habitats?
3. Use different sources to find out some information about different mini-beasts.