

Science task

For this task, we are going to continue looking at animals and the habitats in which they live. However, rather than looking in the wilds of Africa, deep dark Central America or the frosty ice-masses of Antarctica, we are going to be focusing on the habitats near our homes.



Task 1

For your first task we are going to be going on a wildlife hunt. Choose a location, it could be your garden, a local park, pond or woodland or even a hedge local to your home. Spend 30 minutes in your habitat and record all of the living organisms which you encounter.

Remember MRS NERG... these may be plants, insects, birds or mammals.

You may wish to take a bug identification sheet with you (or look at it before you go) a great resource can be found here: <https://www.opalexplornature.org/sites/default/files/7/file/Bugs-Count-ID-cards-2014.pdf>

Once you have looked at your habitat, note if there were any you were surprised at? Are there any other organisms that you think would be suited to live in this area?

Task 2

You are about to transform from David Attenborough into ... an estate agent! We would like you to choose a habitat (it is probably easiest if you choose the habitat you have been focusing on) and we would like you to 'sell' that habitat to an organism.

To do this you will need to create an advert promoting your habitat to an organism who may wish to come and live there. We would like you to focus on the 7 vital functions (MRS NERG) as a selling point and make sure it appeals to your ideal organism. Think about the properties of a habitat that your organism needs to have when they select their home.

You can choose to promote your habitat to either an animal or a plant and we would like it to have lots of details and images and remember – you're selling this place so highlight its best features! An example of an advert can be found on the next page.

Beautiful leafy abode!

A must-see home for any wall dwelling beasts.



This gloriously spacious garden apartment boasts an abundance of leaves and grass; ideal for those who rely on aphids for their daily diet. We are proud to announce that a well-kept garden apartment has become available for those creatures who seek the nutrients in the grass and require longer grass to conceal their movements. As this apartment is beside a wall it offers protection for those with younger families. Birds and larger animals tend to stay away from this area as it can be damp and often frequented by humans, talking to their neighbours.

If you think this home might be suited for you, please email homes@habitat.com for more details.