

Would It Survive? Habitat Match

Grades 3–5 • 15–20 min • 4–30 students

WHAT YOU NEED

- Animal cards and habitat cards (in the printable kit) or hand-written ones for your current unit

SETUP

Prepare a set of animal cards (with a short trait list on each) and a set of habitat cards (desert, arctic, rainforest, ocean, grassland).

HOW TO RUN IT

1. Split into small teams and give each team a mixed set of animal and habitat cards.
2. Teams match each animal to the habitat where it would most likely survive, based on the traits listed on the card.
3. Each team picks one match to defend to the class, explaining which trait made the difference.
4. As a class, discuss any animals that could plausibly survive in more than one habitat, and why.

VARIATIONS

- Add a "why not" round: pick an animal-habitat mismatch and have the team explain specifically why it wouldn't survive there.
- Use plant cards instead of animal cards for a botany-focused version.