



# Animal Habitats

## Gather

- Shoe box or other cardboard box such as a cereal box
- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Play dough
- Scissors
- Sticks, grass, rocks from outside

## Let's Create!

1. Choose your favorite animal and think of where this animal lives (habitat). Use the link below or an animal book to research all the things about this habitat (living, nonliving, and weather.)
2. Use the cardboard box as an area to build your animal's habitat.
3. Color the ground, sky, and any other details of your habitat inside of your cardboard box.
4. Use markers and paper to draw plants, animals, or non-living objects that would be found in your habitat. Cut them out and arrange in your box. Make others out of play dough, or use small animal toys if you have them!
5. Go outside to collect rocks, sticks, grass, or even flowers to add texture to your design. Craft grass and faux flowers work well, too!

## How Does it Work?

Animals need to be able to find food, water, and shelter in their habitat. Over time, animals change or adapt to better fit in their habitat. If an animal lives in an environment with little rainfall, it must develop adaptations to still find food and water in order to survive. Make sure your animal and habitat match - a sandy desert does not provide the right needs for a fish! For more information, visit:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/nature/habitats/>

## Take it Further!

Add some man-made elements to your habitat, like a road or a building. How will the animals in your habitat adjust to these new things? Can you come up with a way to help them deal with the change?