

Tiger 4 Unit 6

Forests

Lesson 5 Reading

11 Listen and read.

Arboreal animals and plants

arboreal = about trees

Next time you go to a forest, remember that one tree can be the home of many mammals, insects, birds and different types of plants and fungus.

1 This is mistletoe. It grows on tree branches. The plant is a parasite. It takes water and nutrients from the tree. But mistletoe is important because many birds and animals eat it.

2 This bird is called a woodpecker because it pecks tree trunks. It makes holes in the trunk. Its babies live in the hole. Woodpeckers eat insects that live in trees.

3 Some mushrooms grow on tree trunks, but don't eat them. Some of them are poisonous.

4 Squirrels live in nests in trees. They build their nests high in the tree for protection from predators. Their favourite food is nuts.

5 These beetles lay their eggs in dead trees. When the larvae are born, they eat the dead wood.

When we cut down trees and forests, we destroy the natural habitat of many animals and plants.

Respect and protect the forest
Don't cut down our homes
Save our trees

1.- Match.

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| 1 Which photos show a mammal, a fungus, a bird, an insect and a plant? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Squirrels eat nuts. |
| 2 Which animals eat dead wood? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Mistletoe is important because many birds and animals eat it. |
| 3 Which animals eat insects? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Beetles and their larvae eat dead wood. |
| 4 Why is mistletoe important? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Woodpeckers eat insects. |
| 5 Where do some mushrooms grow? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Some mushrooms grow on tree trunks. |
| 6 Which animals eat nuts? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Photo 1: plant (mistletoe). |
| | | <input type="radio"/> | Photo 2: a bird (a woodpecker). |
| | | <input type="radio"/> | Photo 3: a fungus (mushrooms). |
| | | <input type="radio"/> | Photo 4: a mammal (a squirrel). |
| | | <input type="radio"/> | Photo 5: an insect (beetles). |

2.- Write sentences.

A squirrel	A mushroom	Mistletoe	insect	plant	mammal
A woodpecker	A beetle		bird	fungus	

1 *A squirrel is a mammal.*

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

3.- Correct the sentences.

Mistletoe grows on tree leaves.

Mistletoe grows on tree branches.

Beetles lay their eggs in tall trees.

All mushrooms grow on tree trunks.

Squirrels live in houses in trees.

Woodpeckers eat mushrooms.

4.- Put in the right rectangles. [¿Necesitas un diccionario? ¿Wordreference?]

badger beetle buzzard mushroom tree

flower wasp fox deer ant owl

mammals	birds	insects	plants	fungus