

CLIL Ecology

Habitats and urban spaces

1 Read the key facts and answer the questions.

- 1 What does 'ecology' mean?
- 2 What is a habitat?
- 3 What does a habitat provide?
- 4 What does 'conservation' mean?

Key facts!

Ecology is the study of plants and animals in their natural habitat.

The habitat of an animal or plant is its home.

Examples of habitats are ponds, gardens, woods, rainforests, meadows and deserts.

The habitat of an animal provides it with water, food, shelter, a home and a place to breed, also other animals or plants.

There are many areas in big cities where people are trying to save habitats for plants and animals. This is called 'conservation'.

2 Discuss which of the animals and insects below live in which habitats. Some can live in more than one habitat.



sea



pond



jungle



forest



desert



field



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3 Listen and complete the text below.

High Line Park is an amazing ¹..... high above the ground in the ²..... of New York. Originally, it was an old ³..... line. A group called Friends of The High Line decided to protect it and change it into a natural ⁴..... They had a design competition and turned it into a beautiful green ⁵..... in the air for the people of Manhattan.

WEBQUEST

Find out about any urban conservation projects in your country and about the animals and plants that live there. Answer these questions.

- 1 Why is this area a conservation area?
- 2 Are there any animals or plants that are in danger?
- 3 What kind of habitat is this area?

