

Habitat Explorers

Sheet 3



Home finders

In this activity you will pretend to be a bird or mammal looking for somewhere to make a home.

✿ Choose a bird or mammal from the lists below:

Birds

Name of bird	Nesting place	Materials needed
Collared dove	Tall tree	Twigs, grass stems
Wren	Low down in a hedge	Leaves, grass, moss
Dunnock	Thick hedge	Twigs, moss, grass
Robin	Open fronted nest box	Leaves, grass, moss
Blackbird	Tree or hedge	Mud, dry grass
Thrush	Tall tree	Leaves, lichen, twigs
Blue tit	Hole in a tree	Moss, grass, feathers
Chaffinch	Thick hedge or tree	Grass, spiders webs
Greenfinch	Tall tree	Grass, moss, hair
Sparrow	Hole in a tree, among ivy	Grass, roots, feathers
Kingfisher	Hole in a river bank	None
Grey wagtail	On ledge or in hole in river bank	Grass, roots, moss, hair

Mammals

Name of mammal	Where to make a home	Materials needed
Hedgehog	Bottom of hedge, thick bramble	Leaves and grass
Wood mouse	Small hole in the ground	Leaves and grass
Water vole	Hole in a river bank	Plant stems
Field vole	Under a log in grassland	Grass stems
Squirrel	Tall tree	Twigs
Pipistrelle bat	Hole or deep crack in a tree	None

✿ Explore your natural surroundings and try to find a place to make a home.

✿ Now try to find the materials you need to build your home.

Has another bird or mammal chosen the same place as you?

If someone else has taken your nesting place, can you go somewhere else?

Are other birds and animals looking for the same nest materials as you?

Now try it again, with a different bird or mammal.