

Lesson Plan: 1-3.1Grade Levels:
Grades 1 & 2

Animal Habitats

Background	The world is filled with different habitats. A habitat is the place where an animal lives. Some habitats have milder climates and terrain, while others are more rugged with severe climates. Some of the more gentle habitats include temperate forests, rain forests and the ocean. Examples of more extreme habitats are the deserts, high mountains and tundra.
Goal	The goal of this lesson is to teach students about the different habitats from which Safari West animals originate; where they live in the wild. Students will also learn which habitats support which types of species and why.
At Safari West	<p>The habitats on which your naturalist will focus are:</p> <p>Desert – Fennec fox and desert antelope will be our examples</p> <p>Wetland – Nile Lechwe and Purple Swamphens will be our models</p> <p>Grassland/Savannah – Giraffe, Patas Monkeys, cheetah and the Grant’s gazelle will serve us here</p> <p>Rainforest & Temperate Forest – Bongo, Blue Duiker, Helmeted Guinea Fowl, De Brazza’s and Colobus Monkeys will be our animal ambassadors</p>
Back in the Classroom	Ask students to describe their backyard or playground. What kind of habitat does it most closely resemble? Is it a temperate one, or is it a tropical, desert or polar climate? What kind of wildlife does it support?

