

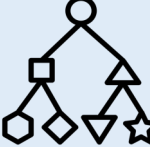
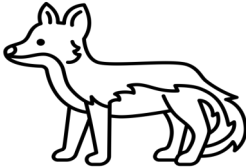

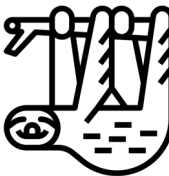






# Living things and their habitats

Vocabulary	Definition
	habitat The natural home of a living thing.
	environment All the physical surroundings on Earth, including living and non-living things.
	classification Grouping living things by looking at similarities and differences.
	vertebrate An animal which has a backbone
	invertebrate An animal which does not have a backbone
	mammal A warm blooded, vertebrate with hair or fur, which feeds milk to their young.
	fish A cold-blooded vertebrate with gills and fins which lives in water.
	bird A warm blooded vertebrate which has feathers, wings, a beak and lays eggs.
	amphibian A cold blooded vertebrate which has gills and lives in water but can also go on land.
	reptile Mostly cold blooded, covered in scales or have a bony exterior like a shell. Nearly all reptiles lay eggs.

**Habitats** are the **natural home** of a living thing and they provide food, shelter and a **safe place** to **raise their young**.

**Micro-habitats** are small, specific home environments e.g. **individual trees, a pond or under a rock**.



A **classification key** is a set of questions about the characteristics of living things. You can use a key to **identify a living thing** or **decide which group it belongs to** by answering the questions.

