

THE EARTH AROUND US



Part 1: Snoopy wants to visit an ecosystem, but he's not sure which one to choose. Help him by reading the paragraph below and then choosing one to research.

Ecosystems are “bubbles of life” made up of living and non-living things that all depend on each other to survive. Most ecosystems contain many kinds of life, including plants, insects, soil-based organisms, animals, and birds. They also contain non-living things such as soil, rocks, and sunlight. These things all work together to make a home for the creatures who live there. Anything that upsets the balance of an ecosystem such as litter, pollution, or even natural disasters, can harm or destroy it entirely.

1. Examples of ecosystems include tidepools, swamps, oceans, forests, streams, lakes, prairies, grasslands, deserts, coral reefs, and many more. Choose one from this site to research:
<https://www.dkfindout.com/us/animals-and-nature/habitats-and-ecosystems/>

Write your choice here: _____

2. Describe the ecosystem's climate: _____

3. List three animals in your ecosystem and a habit each has. For example: lives in the water, is active at night, has a distinctive “call” it makes, etc.

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4. Name some plants that live in your ecosystem: _____

Part 2: Now, use what you learned to create a poster or diorama of your ecosystem. Cut out and add the picture of Snoopy from the comic so he can imagine himself there on his visit.



Families: Check your own backyard or take a trip to a nearby park or nature preserve to see what parts of an ecosystem you and your family can discover. Then look for ways you can help take care of nature in that ecosystem.