

Teaching Type: Intermediate



Unit: LES HABITATS

Unit Objective: To speak and write about different habitats, plants and animals in French

By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Say and write the key elements that animals and plants need to survive.
- Name the 5 most common types of habitats.
- Name an animal and a plant that live and grow in each type of habitat.

Skills we will develop:

To continue to attempt and write longer more interesting sentences, that include a habitat, a plant and a relevant animal that lives in that habitat. Possibly expanding by adding on the adaptation. Learning to manipulate the language presented based on an increased language awareness and knowledge. Therefore, being able to quickly move and be able to write a sequence of short sentences by the end of the unit showing increased linguistic knowledge and awareness.

Activities we will complete:

The unit will start with 5 different types of habitat, then 5 types of plants and 5 types of animal that live in these habitats. Using a series of gap fills, listening and reading tasks we will gradually build-up our new knowledge, be able to recall knowledge of the topic and recall and retain the new language so that by the end of the unit we can say which animal and plant live in each habitat. There is also the opportunity in the final oral and written task to build on this and include specific adaptations of the plants and animals.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

Key vocabulary based on the 5 types of habitats presented in the unit and the 5 animals and plants that live in each habitat. All listed on the Vocabulary Sheet.

It will help if we already know:

- The letter sounds (phonics & phonemes) from phonics and pronunciation lessons 1 and 2.
- Vocabulary from the Early Learning units.
- Different strategies on how to decode unknown text from units such as 'Petit Chaperon Rouge', 'Tudors' and/or 'Boucle D'Or'.

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

Recommended phonics focus: É E È EAU EUX

- É sound in désert & océan
- E sound in le
- EAU sound in chameau & eau
- **Silent letters**. The children will hear and see that the 's' is not pronounced in **les, habitats** and **grands arbres** the 't' is not pronounced in **désert**. Both these consonants are often silent when at the end of French words.
- Nasal sounds. Exploring the four French nasal sounds (on, un, in and an). This sound does not exist in English and is made through the nose not the mouth! Words like grands, dans, buissons, requin, national and singe.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Verbs. Exploring the 3rd person conjugation of the verb **POUSSER** and **HABITER**, two regular ER verbs.

