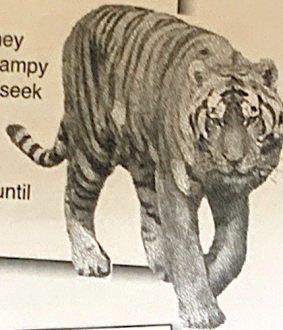


What is a Habitat?

A habitat is where an animal or plant lives. An animal or plant must be able to obtain food, have shelter and have young in the place where it lives.

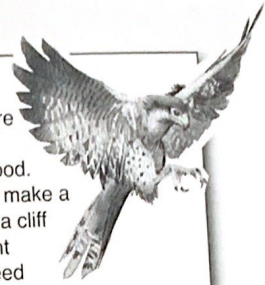
The Tiger

Tigers are only found in Asia. They live in rocky mountain areas, swampy plains and in thick forests. They seek shelter in long grass or caves during the heat of the day. They hunt wild pigs, deer and buffalo. The tigress looks after her cubs until they are two years old.



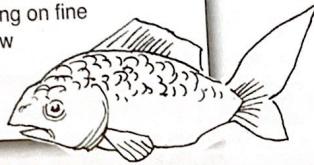
The Kestrel

Kestrels hover in the air before dropping at speed to capture voles, shrews and mice for food. They use sticks and straw to make a nest in a hole in a tree or on a cliff ledge. Eggs take twenty eight days to hatch. Both adults feed the young birds for about thirty days.



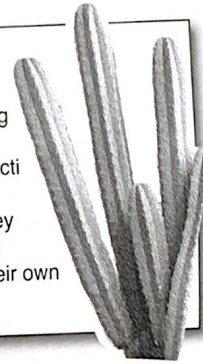
The Goldfish

Goldfish originally came from China but many are now kept in the UK in fish tanks or ponds. They eat common duckweed or dried fish food. The females lay their eggs in spring on fine leaved plants found in shallow water. The young, called fry, hatch in about three days.



The Cactus

There are hundreds of different cacti, but they all have one thing in common. They are able to grow in hot desert climates. Cacti can do this because they store water in their fleshy stems. They are covered with prickly spines instead of leaves and make their own food with help from the sun.



What is a Habitat?

Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

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- 1 Africa. Asia. Europe. America.

The tigress looks after her cubs for

- 2 one two three four

years. Goldfish eat common duckweed or

- 3 wet dried soggy mushy

fish food. The kestrel eats voles, shrews and

- 4 rats. snakes. spiders. mice.

Cacti grow in hot

- 5 sandy rocky desert mountainous

climates. They make their own food with help from the

- 6 moon. stars. sun. planets.

Section B

- 1 What is a habitat?

- 2 What must animals and plants be able to do in the place where they live?

- 3 What is a young goldfish called?

- 4 Where do tigers shelter when it is hot?

- 5 Why do you think many goldfish now live in England?

- 6 Why do you think kestrels 'hover in the air' before capturing their food?

- 7 Why are cacti able to grow in hot desert climates?

Section C

Write a list of things you would need to help a pet survive in your house or garden. You could write about a cat, a dog, a rabbit or any other pet you know about.