

Woodland Habitats

Woodlands are places where there are mostly trees. Woodlands are different to forests. There is more open space in woodland. This makes it lighter. The sun can shine through the space in the trees.

R: What is a woodland?

E: What is the difference between a woodland and a forest?

Woodlands are full of life. Woodlands have everything animals need. They have food, water and shelter. Lots of animals live in the woods. Big animals like deer roam in woodlands. Medium-sized animals, like foxes, also live in the woodland. Small animals like rabbits and squirrels make their homes in the woods. There are lots of birds and insects too. There are frogs and snakes.

I: Circle all the animals that live in the woodland.

fox

tiger

squirrel

cat

deer

frog

Woodlands have many plants. There is moss and grass on the floor. There are mushrooms growing. There are ferns and bushes. Animals like to eat the plants. The more plants that a wood has, the more animals there will be.

R: Name two plants you will find in the woods.



There is dead wood and leaves on the woodland floor. The dead plants will rot. Insects and worms like to eat the rotting plants. There are lots of insects in the woods.

Animals get more than food from the woodland. The woodland gives animals protection. Animals in the woods have lots of places to hide. They can hide inside dead trees, round tree roots and trunks, or up in the trees. Hiding keeps the animal safe.

P: Where do you think would be a good place for these animals to hide?

An owl

A rabbit

A snake

Answers:

R: Woodlands are places where there are mostly trees.

E: A woodland has more open space than a forest.

I: Fox, squirrel, deer, frog.

R: **Any two of the following:**

Moss, grass, mushrooms, ferns, bushes.

P: **Any sensible answer such as:**

Owl – in a tree

Rabbit – behind a tree trunk or bush

Snake – round the tree roots or in the grass.