



Exploration Connection: A tree is a habitat

No matter where you are, you can see examples of how living things depend on their habitats to survive. In this picture, the squirrel depends on acorns from the oak tree for food. But that is not all it gets from the oak tree. The tree also gives the squirrel a place to build its nest. The tree supplies the building materials, too. How? What other factors affect the squirrel in this habitat?

In what ways does the person in the picture depend on the habitat? Look at the home in the background. What materials is it made of? How else does the person depend on the habitat to survive? Compare the ways things in the picture depend on each other. What kinds of relationships do you find in your habitat?

Each plant and animal depends on a specific habitat to meet its needs. They live in specific habitats because they depend on those habitats and have adapted to them. For example, ducks live in marshes because they need marsh plants for food and shelter and water for movement. Look at the list of plants and animals you made for your habitat. How do they meet their basic needs in their habitat? 