

Activity-18: Introduction to animal shelter

Topic/Question to Discuss:

The instructor should ask students the following questions and let them think about it.

1. What are the basic needs of an animal?
2. Do all animals have a specific shelter or habitat?
3. Are there animals that do not stay at one particular shelter? Are there ever wandering animals?
4. Why does an animal need shelter?
5. Does an animal of one kind share its shelter with another kind?
6. Are animal shelters naturally occurring?
7. Are there animals which build their own shelter? If so, which ones?
8. Do animals that build their own shelters stay in it forever?
9. If an animal leaves its shelter, do other animals come and occupy it?
10. Are there animals that forcefully drive out other animals from their shelter and occupy it?
11. What could be the size of the shelter an animal builds? Is it very large, large, or just sufficient to fit itself in?
12. Does an animal build more than one shelter for itself?
13. From what materials do animals build their shelters?
14. Make a list of domesticated animals and try to figure out what their habitat (shelter) could or would have been in the wild jungle?
15. Do animals use their shelter for storing food? Do animal hunt or obtain food more than necessary for them?
16. Which animals build very large shelters?
17. Is it true that large animals can build big shelters and small animals can only build small shelters? If not, try to find out an example for the vice versa.



Concepts covered:

All animals need some kind of shelter. It may be natural or artificial. Almost every animal has some skill to build itself a shelter, recognize a promising one or search for one. Many animals build fantastic shelter, examples are the magnificent ant hills and the bird nests.