

Wetland wildlife activities

Key Stage 1



Can you find the hidden words that are about wetland wildlife?

Cross off each word when you find them!

WATER VOLE

I live in burrows in riverbanks and ditches

DRAGONFLY

I am a colourful flying insect with a very long body

KINGFISHER

I am a bird with bright blue feathers and I love to eat fish

FROG

I have smooth green-brown skin and I lay frogspawn

REEDS

I am a very tall grass that grows in the water

FLAG IRIS

I have sunny yellow flowers that droop backwards

BOGBEAN

I have white, star-shaped flowers and pink buds

WILLOW

I am a big tree and my leaves are sometimes draped in the water

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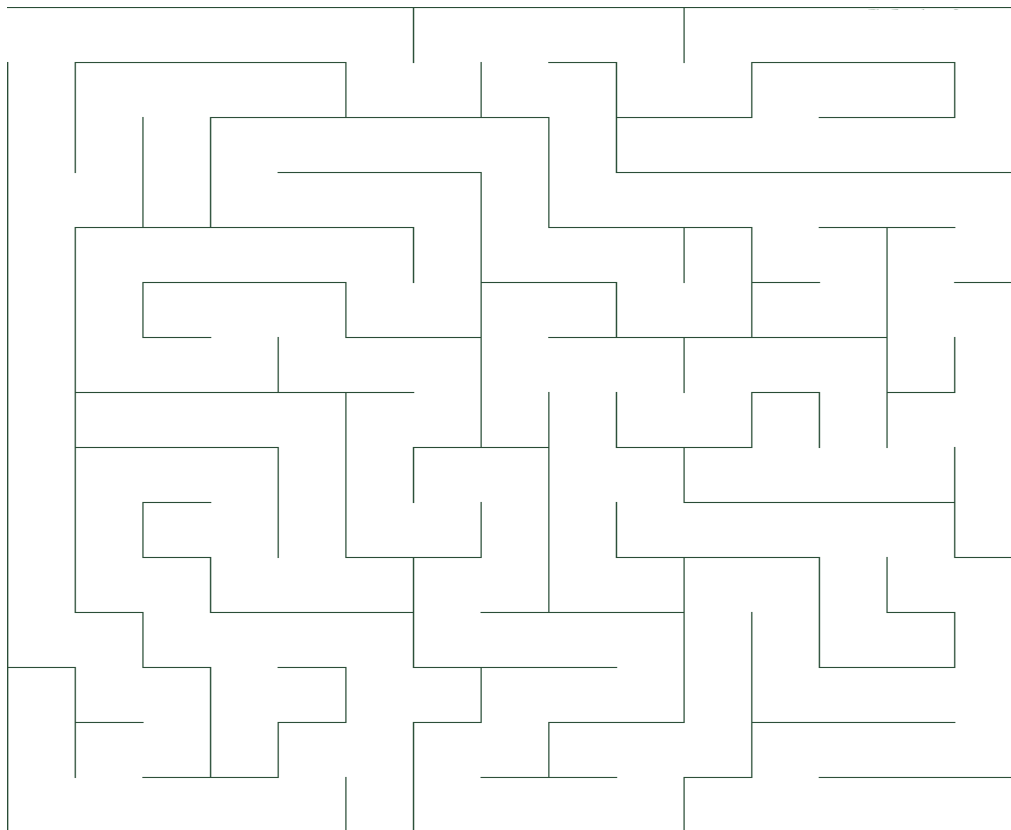
Can you identify these plants and animals?

Use the descriptions on the left to help you and write along the dotted lines.





Can you help the water vole find its way home to the burrow?

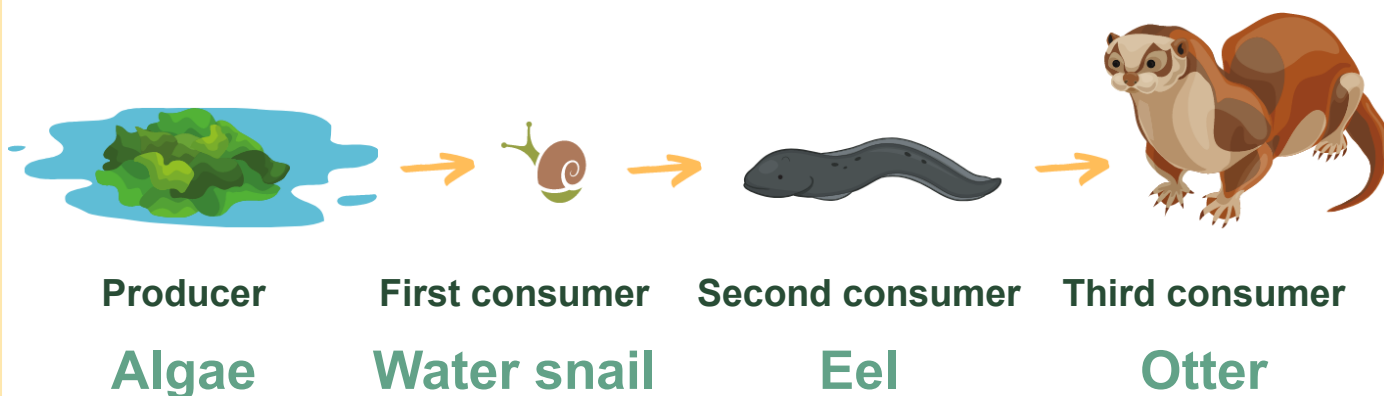


I am a water vole and here are three facts about me...

1. I am a **herbivore** (I like to eat lots of plants).
2. I live in small **burrows** in riverbanks, canals or ditches.
3. In the winter I do not **hibernate** but I am less active. I store lots of food in my underground **larder** inside my burrow so that I have plenty of food to eat.

- All living things, including humans, animals and plants, need **energy** to live. This energy comes from **food**.
- All food chains start with a **producer**. This is something that can make its own food, usually a **plant**.
- The plant is then eaten by a **living creature**, also known as a **consumer**.
- Consumers that only eat plants are called **herbivores**.
- There are some consumers that eat other living creatures *and* plants, and these are called **omnivores**.
- Then, there are consumers that only eat living creatures and no plants, these are called **carnivores**. Carnivores are also called **predators**.
- Food chains are all about **balance**. They make sure that every animal has something to eat.

Let's look at this example which will help to explain the points above...



If one creature from the food chain disappears, let's say the water snail, then the eels will find it hard to find food, and the eels might disappear. This means that the otters will be unable to hunt for food, and the algae will take over the habitat because it is not being eaten anymore.

What would happen if you removed the algae from the food chain?

Answer:

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Can you fill in the tables and put the food chains in the correct order?

Food chain 1:



Grasshopper

Owl

Shrew

Grass

Producer	First consumer	Second consumer	Third consumer

Food chain 2:



Pond plant

Grass snake

Frog

Aphid

Dragonfly

There are **five** living things in this food chain. Think about the size of the animals, and what they like to eat. **Clue: aphids are herbivores, and frogs like to eat flying insects.**

Producer	First consumer	Second consumer	Third consumer	Fourth consumer