

## Plants and Animals in Their Habitats

Here are some activities designed to continue the conversation about how living things survive and to build on the skills and concepts your child is learning in school. Hopefully, you'll find these activities enjoyable and educational.

### Topic Connection

#### See It Live!

It's not just in the wilderness that habitats can be found. A city park is a habitat and so is a suburban backyard. Wherever you live, find a habitat to explore with your child. Look at grass growing between the cracks in a sidewalk, a squirrel scurrying up a tree or even a spider building a web in an attic. Together with your child, talk about how a living thing gets what it needs to survive.

### Vocabulary Connection

#### Find that Word!

In school, students are learning these new higher-level vocabulary words: **advantage, allow, emperor, explore, feasting, handle, harshest, kinds, nature, searches, swayed, and thick.** You can support your child's word knowledge by using these words in meaningful contexts as you share everyday experiences, read newspapers and magazines, and view television or movies.

### Comprehension Connection

#### Just the Facts, Ma'am!

An important reading skill is being able to make note of the main idea and supporting details of a text. To reinforce this skill, read an article on the Internet or in a newspaper together with your child. Ask him or her to tell you what the article is about. Can your child relate two or more details or facts from the story?