

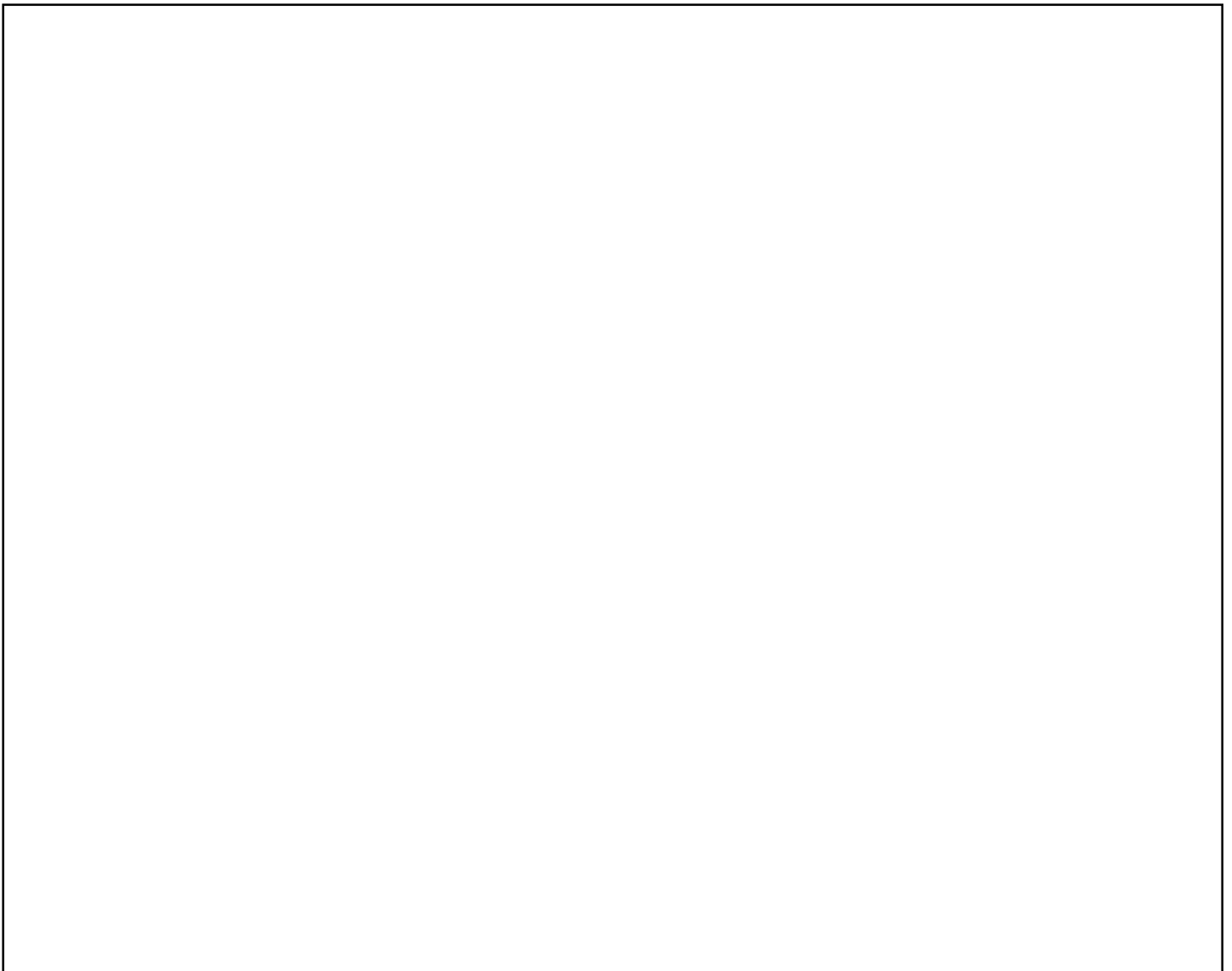
My Habitat

Habitat building exercise

A habitat is a place where a person, animal or plant lives and has everything that organism needs for survival. If you are an animal, you need food, water, and shelter. If you are a person, you call this your home.

Animals build or find their habitats in natural places. A beaver builds a lodge from sticks and logs. A badger digs a cozy den. Birds are happy in their favorite trees, and they might build a nest when it's time to lay eggs.

Draw a habitat for a mouse. What types of places or natural materials might be nice for a mouse habitat? Don't forget the necessities! (food, water, shelter)



Have a fun picnic with your family or friends!!

Picnic Habitat: Have you ever packed a picnic? Packing a picnic habitat can help you rest and refresh when you are out for adventure in a park, green space, or even your own back yard.

You will need to bring:

- **Food:** Pack a delicious lunch or some snacks
- **Water:** Something cool, clear and fresh to drink
- **Shelter:** Bring a string or rope about 10-25 feet in length, and a sheet or blanket that can be used outdoors.

- 1) Go to your favorite park, green space, backyard, or anywhere you like to be outside. Find a place to set up your habitat.
- 2) You will need to find a place with two trees or places to tie your rope to. Attach your rope ends so that the rope hangs like a clothesline between your trees or attachment places. Place it about head or shoulder height.
- 3) Drape your sheet or blanket over the line so that it makes a tent or simple structure to duck underneath for a simple picnic shelter.
- 4) Find some sticks, rocks or natural objects to weigh down the corners of your sheet or blanket.
- 5) Place your objects on the corners to hold your shelter in place.
- 6) Climb inside and enjoy your picnic habitat!

Draw or describe your picnic habitat here:

Build a habitat: Have you ever built a habitat? You can build a habitat for a small creature, such as a mouse, snail, bug, chipmunk, or even for yourself in a park, green space, garden, or even your own back yard. Use natural objects such as sticks, fallen leaves, seed pods, rocks, sand, or other materials you can find all around you to build a habitat for a small creature. Come back later to see if anyone has moved in. Were the inhabitants who you expected?