

WATER HABITATS

We already know that a **habitat** is the place where plants and animals live.

Now, let's look at **WATER** habitats...

Water covers nearly 75% of the Earth: which means there is a lot more water than land on Earth!



PREVIEW

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Most water on Earth is saltwater but some is **freshwater**.

Freshwater is water found in waters such as rivers, streams, wetlands and many lakes. Many fish, birds, insects, amphibians live in or near freshwater.

Freshwater is the water that we can drink (unlike saltwater).

Let's check what we have learned so far:

What portion of the Earth is covered by water?

Rivers and Streams



Rivers and streams have moving water.

Rivers are large and flow into the ocean.


The mouth of a river is where a river meets the ocean.

Ponds



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A **pond** is a shallow area where water collects and fills up a large hole in the ground.

Plants grow around close the edge of ponds and sometimes right across ponds.

The temperature of pond is pretty much the same at the top as it is near the bottom since ponds are so shallow.

There are usually no waves in a pond.

Lakes



Lakes are large bodies of freshwater that have land all around it. A lake is bigger than a pond.

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What

lake?

Wetland



A **wetland** is a habitat that is covered with water.

What about Saltwater?

Saltwater has so much salt in it that you can taste the salt!
There is more saltwater on Earth than freshwater.

Oceans



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An ocean is

An ocean is big and deep. Many animals live in the ocean, like whales and dolphins.

Ocean water that is close to the top of the ocean is WARMER than the water that is closer to the bottom of the ocean.

As the water gets deeper in the ocean, it gets colder and colder. This is because sunlight only reaches the water near the top of the ocean.

***Let's check what we have learned so far:
What is the difference between saltwater and freshwater?***