

# Life Science Stories



## Wetlands

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Earth has some very damp habitats. Wetlands are very important areas for animals and plants. Wetlands are also important for people and lands!

Wetlands are swamps, bogs, and marshes. Unlike lakes and rivers, there aren't waves. The water sits still. Wetlands are humid places full of animals and plants. Some of these plants and animals find their ways into rivers, lakes, and seas. Wetlands help clean the water. They also help prevent flooding.



Wetlands are full of life. They have many trees and grasses. Many alligators, turtles, snakes, birds, frogs, bugs, and fish make homes in wetlands. There are more types of animals in wetlands than in any other type of habitat!



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- (A) marshes     (B) deserts     (C) lakes     (D) forests

2. Which of these is not a type of wetland?

- (A) bog     (B) marsh     (C) swamp     (D) desert

3. Which word describes Wetlands habitats?

- (A) dry     (B) lifeless     (C) humid     (D) empty

4. DEFINITION: having lots of moisture or water in the air

- (A) humid     (B) dry     (C) windy     (D) cold

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- (A) True     (B) False

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