

3.37 Recognising target vocabulary – habitats

Topic: Plants

Subtopic: Habitats

Activity type/skill: Word forms

Literacy focus: Vocabulary

Objective

- Develop awareness of word forms.

What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)

What to do

1. Explain that, while words keep their base meaning, they may have different forms depending on how they are used in a sentence, for example, they have different forms to indicate past time and continuous time. (You do not need to give detailed grammatical explanations at this stage unless students ask for it. This activity aims to demonstrate to students that they can use their existing knowledge of the word to work out its meaning in other forms.)
2. Look at the student worksheet. Explain that students need look at the sentences to find forms of the word on the left and circle all the forms they can find. They can work in pairs or independently, then exchange their work for checking.
3. After they have checked each other's work, go through it with them to make sure that they picked up all the words.

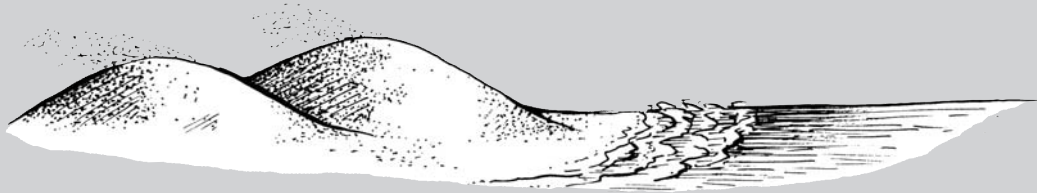
Extending the activity

- Find simple science texts on the topic of plants. Have students find a word they know, then look for other forms of it in the text

Activity thirty-seven

blow

Sand hills form on the coast where strong winds blow. Dry sand is blown along by the wind then, when the wind stops blowing, the sand drops. Sometimes the wind blows sand high above the ground. Yesterday I walked on the beach and the wind blew sand into my eyes.



lose

It is autumn and the apple trees are losing their leaves. Apple trees are deciduous. This means that they lose their leaves each year when it starts to get cold. One tree has already lost all its leaves. The other trees will lose their leaves soon.



survive

It is very hard for plants to survive in dry conditions. Their survival depends on a good supply of sunlight and water. Cactuses survived in the desert because they adapted to the dry conditions.

alternately

I go to my friend's house on alternate Saturdays. I go every second Saturday. Last Saturday night we went to the movies with a group of friends; four boys and four girls. The boys and girls sat alternately in a row.

firm

A ladder must be placed firmly on the ground to be safe. Always check that a ladder is firm before you go up.

