



The Nation's Favorite Fun Family Newspaper  
 Kidsville News! Brainworks Worksheet  
 April Enrichment Activities  
 Grades 3-6

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## Ecosystems

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| connection       | atmosphere    | endangered | land |
| threatened       | atmosphere    | organisms  | sea  |
| grassland        | landscape     | geography  | sea  |
| animals          | climate       | aquatic    |      |



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Habitats

Descriptions

**Grasslands**

lush, warm, wet habitats

found on every continent

**Deserts**

covers 71% of Earth

found on every continent except Antarctica

**Mountains**

frigid temperatures

driest habitats on Earth

**Polar regions**

home to polar bears, arctic foxes and penguins

habitat of zebras, gazelles and kangaroos

**Rainforests**

features the red panda, grizzly bear and hoary marmot

home of the kangaroo rat and desert fox

**Aquatic**

squirrels, bears and migratory birds live here

Habitat of 1 million saltwater animal species



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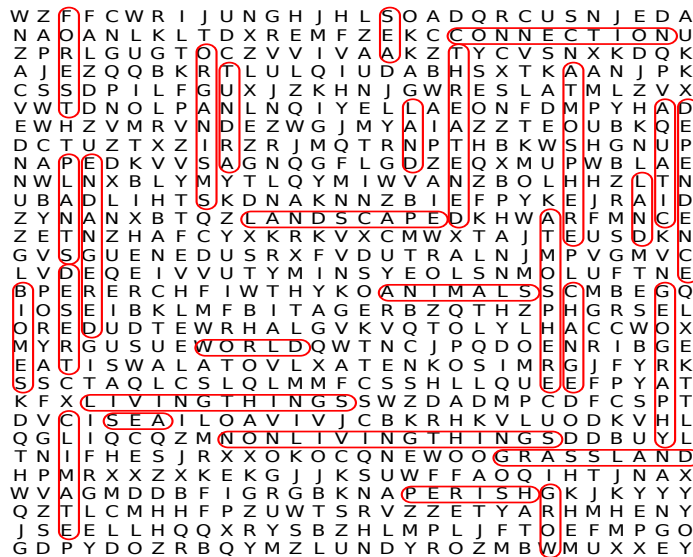
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| plants           | biomes        | forest     |      |
| desert           | tundra        | perish     |      |
| change           | world         | grow       |      |

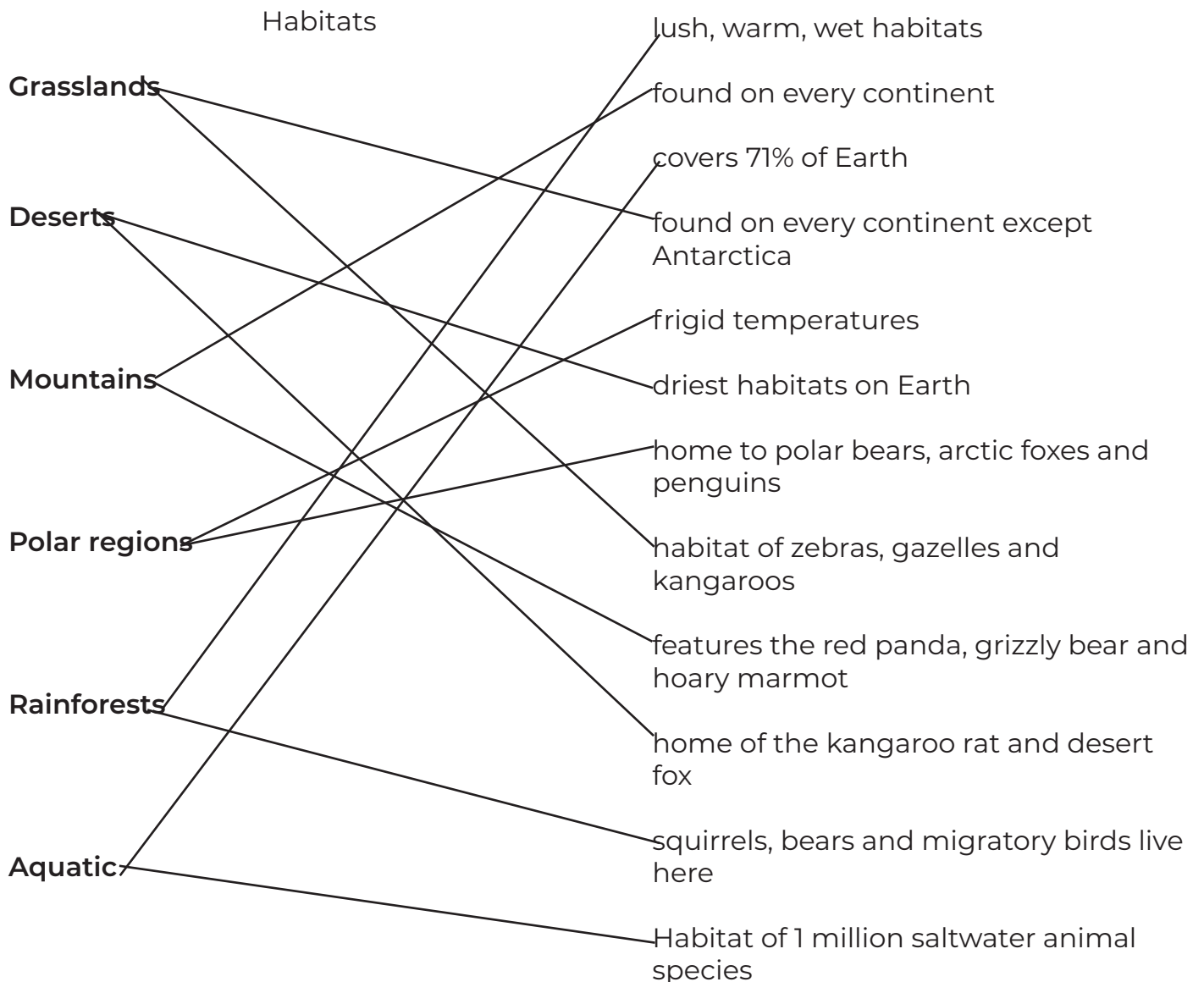


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Rainforest habitat

Interesting colors and patterns on their fur

Noisy creatures

Glands in their bottoms produce stinky smells they use for defense

Tree dwellers and excellent climbers

Active during the day and social

Illegal pet trade and deforestation are significant threats to their survival

Live up to 15 years in the wild

Existing species of lemurs equal about 100 and the ring tailed lemur is the most well known

Defense mechanism known as stink fighting is one they use a lot

Lemur moms carry their babies on their fronts for the first couple of weeks

Enemies run away from their stinky smells

Madagascar, an island country off the coast of Africa, is their home.

Up in the trees they go since they are great climbers

Really cute and popular creatures with standout black and white rings on their tails