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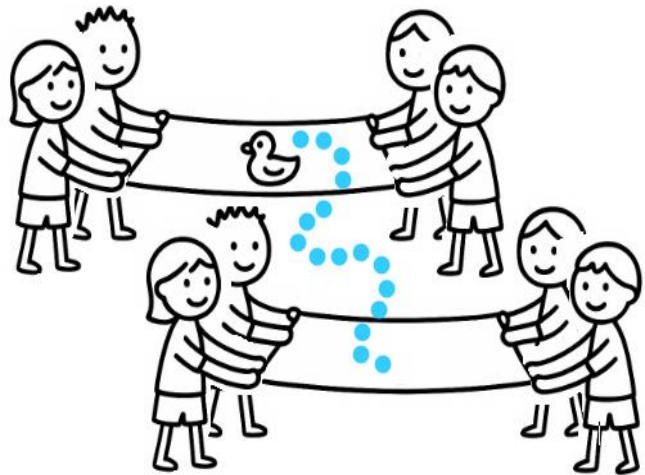
Key Question

Key Stage 1:

What is a wildlife corridor?

Key Stage 2:

Why are wildlife corridors important to animals?



Activity

Create your own wildlife corridor

1. Students should hold a pillowcase sized cloth/sheet in groups of 2-4
2. Place all beanbags (each one representing an animal) onto one of the sheets (representing a part of a habitat).
3. Challenge team one to pass the bean bags across the gap to the next sheet (team two).
4. Repeat the activity, until the beanbags have reached the final sheet.
5. Remove one of the sheets to represent what happens when habitats are broken up by man-made structures such as weirs, dams, roads and developments.
6. Repeat the activity, removing a sheet each round until only the 2 furthest away sheets are left.

Equipment:

- 5-6 pillowcases
- Beanbags (or small sponge balls)
- A clear space (inside or outside)



Top Tips:

- Cut up old sheets or towels to use instead of pillow-cases.
- You could use soft toys instead of the beanbags.



What is a wildlife corridor?



Key points:

- A wildlife corridor is a safe pathway of habitat that connects wildlife populations that may have been separated by human activities like building roads or farming.
- Rivers can be great wildlife corridors, as they provide safe and natural avenues for animals to travel, find food and take shelter.



More questions to ask:

1. Why is it important that wildlife can move across habitats freely?
2. What would happen to wildlife if there were no corridors?
3. If rivers are polluted, how does this affect the wildlife corridor?

Further Resources:

For more activities, worksheets and lessons, visit theriverstrust.org by scanning Scouts QR code!

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Apply to different learners:

1. **More support:** Explain that the pillowcases represent habitats containing the things that animals need to survive (food, shelter, water and air). The beanbags/ soft toys represent animals moving along the corridor.

2. Challenge:

- How can we join the first habitat to the last?
- What might each stage of the game represent in real life?
- Are there any other examples of human activities that break habitats?

Other activities you could try:

1. Minibeast hunts
2. Plots and transects
3. Kick sampling in your local river
4. Land on the habitat



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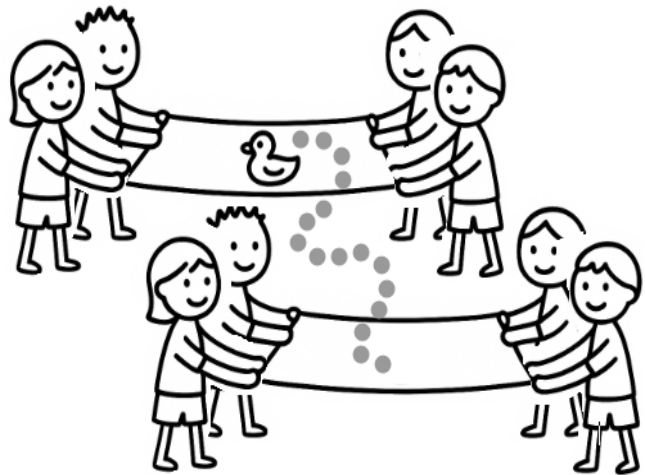
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