

Non-Chronological Report – Minibeasts (What no Habitat!) 1

During your visit to our Discovery Centre you were Welsh Water Ecologists surveying the area and looking after the habitat. We have to take care when laying our pipes so that we don't damage habitats. What creatures did you find in your survey?

Introduction –

Answer these questions with a partner. Use the answers to write your introduction.

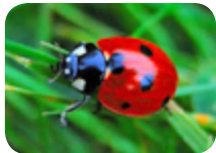
What 4 things do animals need to survive?

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What 4 places can you find animals when Minibeast hunting? (on, under, near)

Match the statements to the Minibeasts. Use the information to write about the animals in your report. Add any other interesting facts you may know.

Ladybird



I come out at night to feed and I rest during the day. I try to get a diet that is full of calcium to keep my shell thick and healthy. My body produces a thick slime. Because of this slime, I could crawl across the edge of a razor and not get hurt! After mating I lay about 100 white eggs in a damp, underground nest.

Worm



I hate light, which is why I burrow under the ground. I don't have legs but instead I am covered in microscopic hairs that help me move. I breathe through my skin, which must remain moist so I can absorb oxygen from the air.

Wood
louse



As I get older, my spots will get lighter. When I fly, I beat my wings 85 times a second. I breathe through the openings on the sides of my body. If I feel threatened I squirt a yellowish fluid from my legs. The fluid is vile, smells bad and is toxic to other insects.

Snail



I am not an insect, I am a crustacean; (I have a hard covering). I have strong feet which grip onto things when I am scared. If I get threatened I can also roll into a ball. I eat rotting plants, fungi and my own poo, but I don't pee! I get rid of my waste by passing it out through my shells as a gas.

Conclusion – Write about your favourite animal you found and why. Encourage people reading your report to visit a wooded area near them and look for minibeasts.