



What helps plants and animals flourish?

Senior Infants

Print and cut along the dashed lines. These carry the **text a group reads** — a job to do, a brief to research, or notes to identify by. Check the lesson's teacher notes for how many sets each group needs and how they are used: some lessons hand out one card per group, others sort or sequence a full set.

Robin

A small robin with a red breast on a garden branch. Picture brief: side view of a robin on a bare winter twig, soft daylight. On-card text: Robin. Lives in Irish gardens and hedges. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Hedgehog

A hedgehog curled among dry leaves. Picture brief: hedgehog half-hidden under brown autumn leaves on soil. On-card text: Hedgehog. Rests under leaves and in quiet corners. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Frog

A green frog near a puddle or pond edge. Picture brief: small green frog at the edge of shallow water with grass. On-card text: Frog. Needs damp places and water nearby. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Worm

An earthworm on damp dark soil. Picture brief: brown earthworm on moist soil with a few leaf scraps. On-card text: Worm. Lives in damp soil under the ground. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Water

A watering can pouring onto soil. Water helps plants drink through their roots. Animals need water to drink too. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Sunshine

A bright sun over a green plant. Sunshine gives plants light so they can grow strong and green. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Food

A robin with a worm and some berries. Animals need food to eat so they can move and grow. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Shelter

A bird nest in a hedge and a hedgehog under leaves. Shelter is a safe place to rest, hide and stay dry. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Dry dusty soil with no water

Cracked dry earth and a droopy plant. This does not help a plant flourish. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

A dark cupboard

A plant shut away with no light. Plants need sunshine, so a dark cupboard does not help them flourish. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Nowhere safe to rest

An animal out in cold wind and rain with no nest or burrow. Nowhere safe to rest. This does not help the animal flourish because there is no shelter. ^{R_s} ^{R_s}

Rubbish left on the ground

Litter on grass near a flowerbed. Rubbish does not help plants or animals flourish

