

# environment

The area in which people, animals or plants live.

# flowering

When the colourful part of a plant grows.

# non-flowering

A plant that does not produce flowers.

# plants

A living thing that grows in the ground and produces seeds.

# animals

Living beings that move, eat, breathe, grow and reproduce, such as birds, fish, reptiles, insects and mammals.

# vertebrate

An animal with a backbone such as a fish, reptile or bird.

# fish

A cold-blooded animal that lives in water with a backbone, gills, fins and skin covered in scales.

# amphibian

An animal that lives on land but breeds offspring in the water, such as a frog or toad.

# reptile

A cold-blooded animal that lays eggs on land, such as a snake or crocodile.

# bird

A two-legged animal with feathers and wings which lays eggs and can usually fly.

# mammal

A warm-blooded animal such as a human, dog or whale. The female produces milk to feed its babies.

# invertebrates

An animal without a backbone such as an insect, worm or octopus.

# snail

A slow-moving mollusc  
with a spiral shell.

# slug

A mollusc without a shell.

# mollusc

An invertebrate with a soft body such as a snail, slug or octopus.

# worm

A small invertebrate with a long thin body and no limbs.



# spider

A small eight-legged invertebrate that spins webs.

# insect

A small invertebrate with six legs that usually has wings, such as an ant or fly.

# **mosses and ferns**

**Small flowerless plants.**

# **nature reserves**

**A place where plants and animals are protected and undisturbed.**

# ecologically planned parks

Parks designed to maintain and protect plants and animals.

# garden pond

A pool of still water in a garden.

# population

The number of living things  
in a specific place.

# development

The growth of something.

# **litter**

**Items of rubbish carelessly  
dropped in public places.**

# **deforestation**

**The cutting down and destruction  
of trees and forests.**

# arachnid

A small eight-legged invertebrate such as a scorpion or spider.

# annelids

A small invertebrate with no limbs whose body is made of many segments, such as a worm.