



Grassland Habitat

1ST GRADE • 2ND GRADE

SUMMER LESSONS



Extended Learning Partnership

Grasslands: What is a Habitat?

In today's video we learned about grasslands. This habitat is called a grassland because they have few trees and many types of grasses. Grasslands can be in different areas of the world but the animals that live in them can be similar. We are going to compare two different kinds of grassland habitats. One is the North American Prairie and the other is the African Savanna. The African Savanna has the African elephant, a large herbivore that eats a lot of plants, disperses seeds and changes the environment by digging with its tusks, while the American Prairie has the bison or "American Buffalo", a large herbivore that eats lots of plants, disperses seeds and changes its environment by digging with its hooves. The African Savanna has the impala, they are small and fast and they eat grasses. The American prairie has the pronghorn, they are also small and fast and eat grasses. Can you compare the impala and the pronghorn? What other ways are they similar?

These are an impala from Africa (left) and a pronghorn from America (right).



Activity:

- Grasslands are filled with different kinds of grasses and so are our outdoor spaces! Go outside -or on your next walk- count the different types of grasses you can find. Some will be tall and feathery others short and green; some may have dry clumps or seeds on them. Do you see any animals using the grassy parts of the outdoors?

Writing prompt:

- The main predator in the African Savanah is the lion, can you think of any ways they could be similar to the main predator in the American prairie, the wolf? wright a story about what you think would happen if lions moved to the American prairie, what would they be able to hunt? Would they be adapted to the American prairies winter and snow?

Math:

- 37 birds live in the same rainforest tree, how many birds are in the tens place, and how many in the ones place.
- The rainfall in the Asia rainforest measured 70 inches one year. The rainforest in South America measured 93 inches. How much more rain did South America get?

Check for Understanding:

- What makes the grasslands a good habitat for animals?

