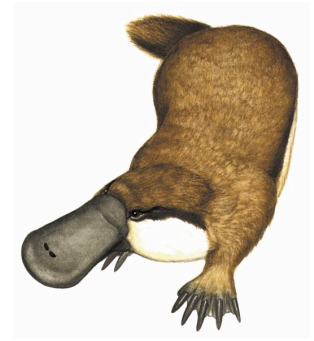


Common Writing Assignment: Science




Which habitat is best for this animal to survive?

Lila has discovered a new animal. The animal has brown fur, a large bill for a mouth, paws with large claws and webbed toes, and a flat tail.



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Lila is trying to decide which of the three habitats below would be the best place for the animal to survive.

 <p style="text-align: center;">Desert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Photo: Gregory Jordan</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Forest with a river</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Photo: John DeBelle</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Grasslands</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Photo: Alexander Steinhof</p>
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Using what you have learned from your work in class, make a claim about which of the three habitats you think is best for the animal to survive. Use evidence to support your claim and explain your reasoning.

Don't Forget to...

Plan your writing using an outline, web or graphic organizer. As you write each draft of your assignment, it's important to use what you know as a writer to communicate your ideas effectively.

- ✓ Provide a clear claim that answers the question.
- ✓ Include evidence -- using data from class activities, experiments and other resources.
- ✓ Include reasoning to show how your evidence supports your claim.
- ✓ Use vocabulary that you have learned in science class.
- ✓ Use correct grammar and punctuation, and be sure there are no spelling errors.