

WATER HABITATS

We already know that a **habitat** is the place where plants and animals live.

Now, let's look at **WATER** habitats...

Water covers nearly 75% of the Earth: which means there is a lot more water than land on Earth!



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Freshwater is water found in waters such as rivers, streams, wetlands and many lakes. Many fish, birds, insects, amphibians live in or near freshwater.

Freshwater is the water that we can drink (unlike saltwater).

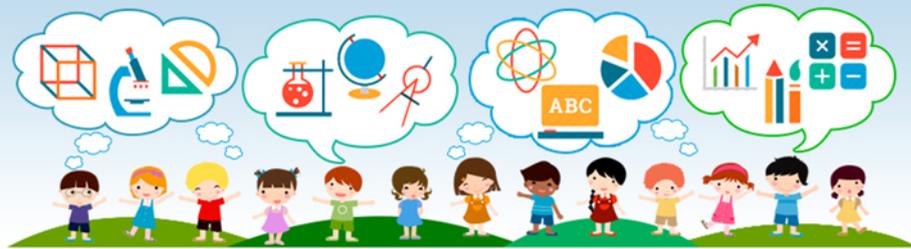
Let's check what we have learned so far:

What portion of the Earth is covered by water?

Lakes



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A **wetland** is a habitat that is covered with water.

What about Saltwater?

Saltwater has so much salt in it that you can taste the salt!
There is more saltwater on Earth than freshwater.

Oceans



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Ocean water that is close to the top of the ocean is **warmer** than the water that is closer to the bottom of the ocean.

As the water gets deeper in the ocean, it gets colder and colder. This is because sunlight only reaches the water near the top of the ocean.

***Let's check what we have learned so far:
What is the difference between saltwater and freshwater?***