



2c Why is biodiversity important?

Activity worksheet

Provides things we need	Improves our health	Is valuable	Important for leisure and enjoyment
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<p>The natural world has many wild plants and animals that are harvested for food. For example, bread is made mostly from flour which is made from a plant called wheat. An example of an animal used as food is deer which we call venison when we eat it.</p>	<p>Many people like to spend time outdoors in their free time looking at beautiful views or walking, for example. It makes them feel good to be outside. It is also healthy.</p>
<p>Some medicines come from plants and animals. For example, chemicals in Foxgloves are used to treat heart disease. Researchers are now also using chemicals from jellyfish to treat cancer.</p>	<p>Tourists like to come to see wildlife and the beautiful landscapes. Many tourists come to Mull to see the sea eagles and whales every year. They spend money on Mull which helps local people and their businesses.</p>
<p>Many people find it relaxing and enjoyable to spend time in nature. They might go camping or fishing or even ride their bike.</p>	<p>Peat bogs provide help to us by cleaning (or purifying water). As water coming from areas with peat bogs is therefore cleaner, less money needs to be spent on cleaning the water.</p>
<p>Many people like to live near nature including near trees, open fields, lochs or the sea.</p>	<p>There are lots of things to learn from nature. Some people even have jobs to learn about nature. For example, HWDT has three scientists whose job is to learn more about whales, dolphins and porpoises.</p>
<p>Trees can be cut down and the wood used for all sorts of things including making furniture, paper or houses. Wood can also be burnt as fuel.</p>	<p>Grandparents like showing their grandchildren ducks, lambs and other fun animals.</p>