

Exploring a Log Pile

General Information

A log pile is an excellent habitat for creepy crawlies. It attracts a huge amount of wildlife to a school garden. Bacteria, fungi, woodlice and worms are decomposers. They break down dead wood, return nutrients to the soil and attract carnivores like centipedes, frogs and spiders to eat them in turn. Don't forget to treat all living things with care and put everything back where it came from.

Equipment needed:

- Clipboard
- Pencil
- Bug viewer
- Paintbrush
- Spoon

Activity 1

Describe the area around the log pile.

Shaded	<input type="checkbox"/>	Damp	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bright	<input type="checkbox"/>

Activity 2

Get your brush, spoon or bug viewer ready

Now turn over a stone or log
Which of these creatures did you see?



Woodlouse



Beetle



Frog



Millipede



Centipede



Slug



Earthworm



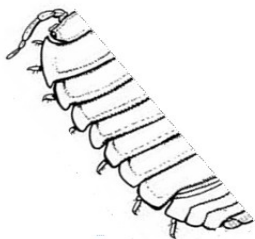
Ladybird



Spider

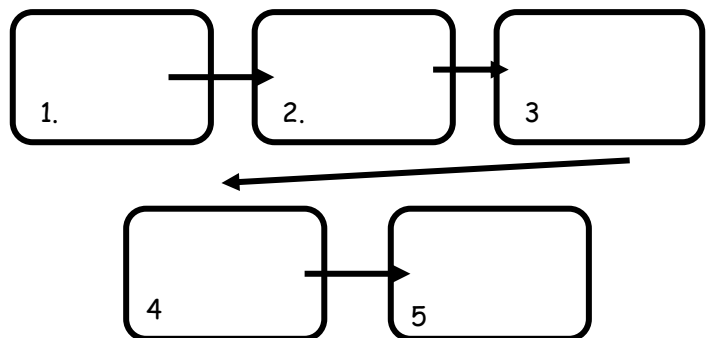
Activity 4

Finish the drawing of this woodlouse.



Activity 3

A food chain shows the transfer of energy from one organism to another. It starts with the primary producer which is at the bottom.



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