

## Try It

Read the passage. Underline the scientific details that help you know more about the world around you. Use the questions to help you.

### Temperate Grasslands

About thirty percent of the world is made up of a habitat known as the “temperate grasslands.” Most of the temperate grasslands in the world are found in nine countries, including the United States. This grass-covered habitat is home to a wide variety of plant and animal life.

The temperate grassland is hot in the summer and cold in the winter. From a distance, all of the grasses may look the same. However, if you look closely, you will find several different kinds of plants in this habitat. A grassland habitat is made up of grasses, hundreds of wildflowers, and other plants and animals.

A grassland is a sunny place, but it can also be very windy. Grassland plants often need a lot of sun to survive and are not harmed by strong winds. You will rarely see trees in a grassland because there is simply not enough water there for them to thrive.

In just a small area of a grassland, you can find many different types of living things. Insects, such as grasshoppers and beetles, make their homes here. You can also find birds, mice, and other small animals, such as prairie dogs. Prairie dogs look like squirrels, but without the bushy tails. They can be seen burrowing into the ground. Larger animals such as coyotes, wolves, foxes, and badgers also live in the grasslands.

All of these different plants and animals find food and shelter in a grassland habitat.