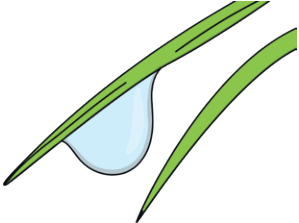



Key Vocabulary	
minibeast	A minibeast is a type of animal that doesn't have a backbone.
biodiversity	Biodiversity is the variety of living things in a place.
basic needs	A living thing's basic needs are what it needs to survive.
predator	A predator is an animal that hunts and eats other animals.
food chain	A food chain diagram shows how living things rely on each other for food.

Key Knowledge


The **basic needs** of **minibeasts** are:



food, water and air

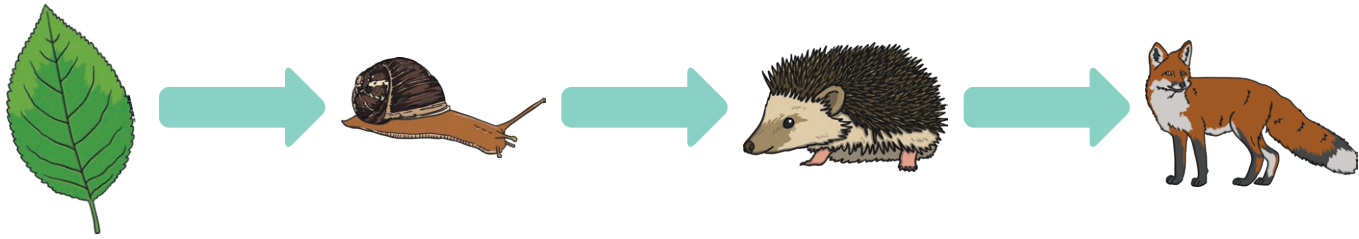


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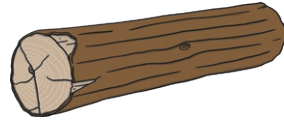
protection from **predators**

In a **food chain**, the arrow points to what the living thing is eaten by.



Key Vocabulary	
microhabitat	A microhabitat is a small place in a habitat where plants and animals live.
plant	A plant is a living thing that may have a flower, leaves, stem and roots.
conservation	Conservation actions help living things and the environment.
ecosystem	An ecosystem is a group of living and non-living things that work together in a habitat.
decomposer	A decomposer is an animal that feeds on dead and rotting living things.
pest controller	A pest controller is an animal that eats pests.

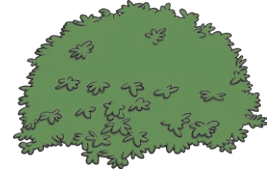
Microhabitats give **minibeasts** their **basic needs**. **Minibeasts** may be found in these **microhabitats**:



under logs



flowers



bushes



piles of leaves



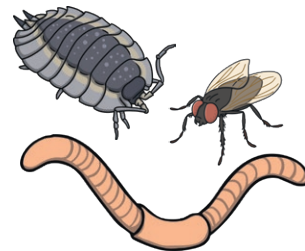
trees



under stones

Minibeasts have important jobs in their **ecosystems**.

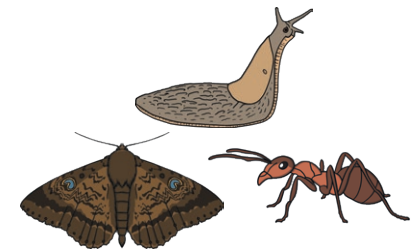
They could be:



decomposers



pest controllers



food for animals