

Red Squirrel

Feòrag-ruadh

Activity 2: Building a habitat

Resources:

Habitat background board

3 x trees

2 x red squirrels

3 x acorns

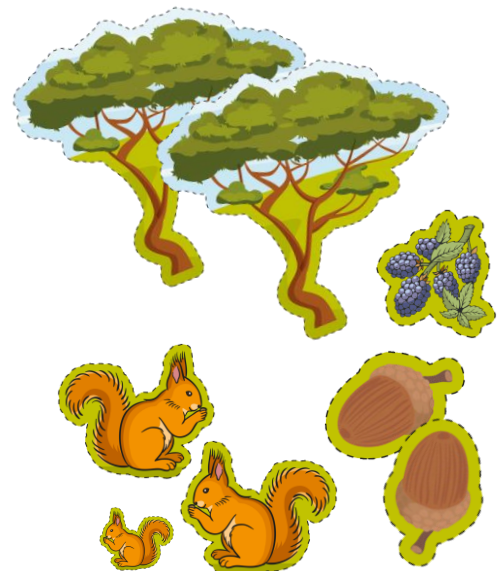
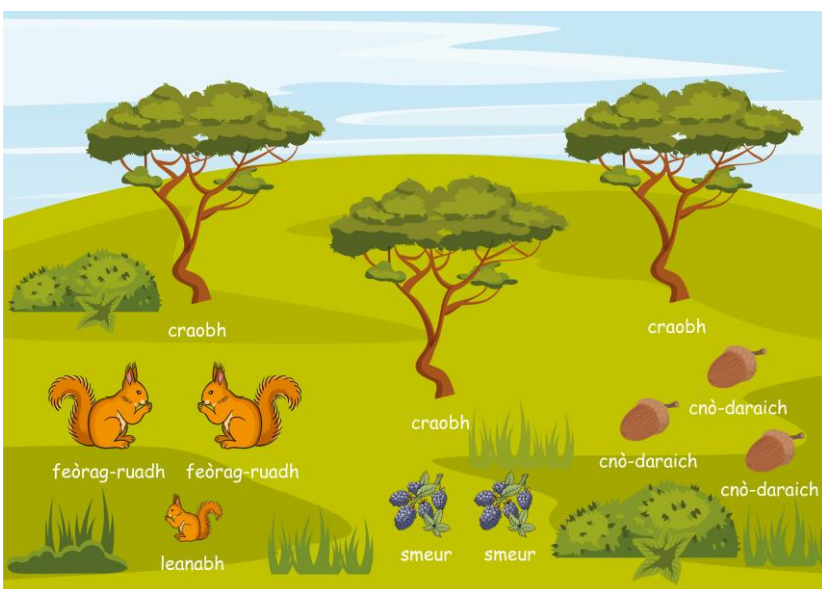
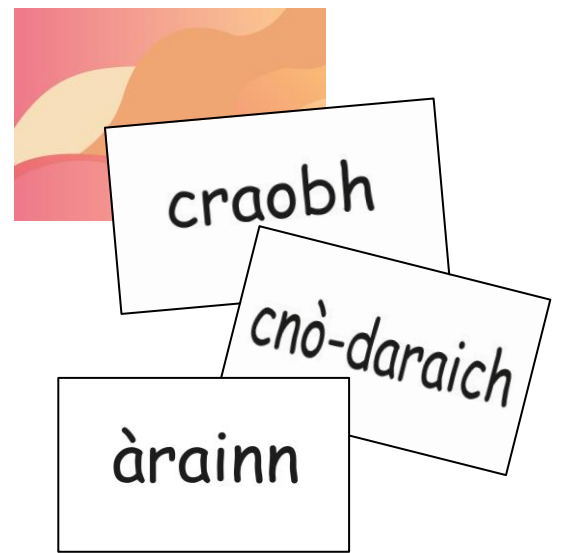
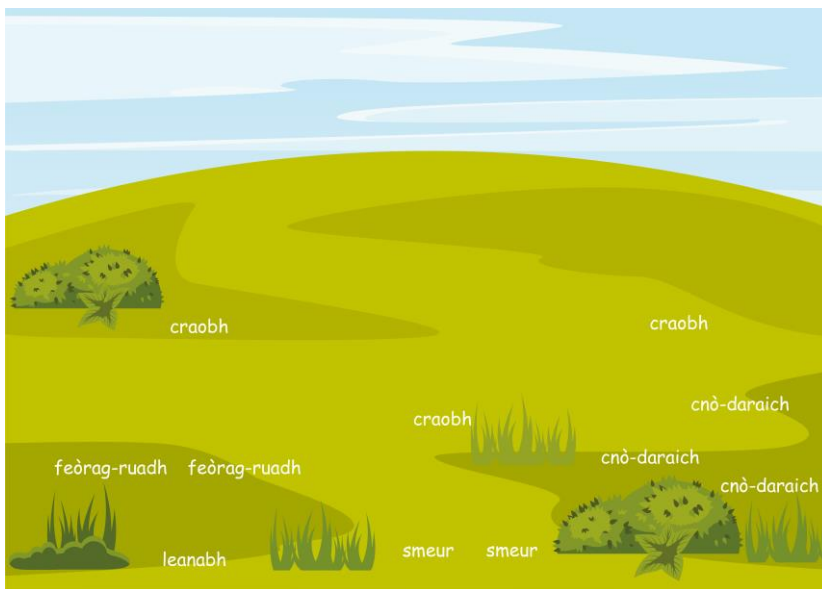
1 x baby

2 x soft fruit

12 x Gaelic word cards

How to play:

Shuffle the Gaelic word cards. Place them on a table with the words face down. Each team is trying to complete their red squirrel habitat. To obtain the pieces required for the habitat, a question must be answered correctly. The questions can be language questions on any topic already covered in order to revise or could be questions related to months, seasons and weather (see suggested question ideas on the following page). On answering a correct question, one of the Gaelic word cards is picked. The team can then collect that item as long as they can translate the word. The habitat board is collected when the àrainn (habitat) word card is picked. The items can then be placed on the correct position on the board.



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Suggested quiz questions

Choose questions according to topics and vocabulary previously introduced.

For example, either ask for translations of phrases/questions and/or ask for answers in Gaelic.

Some questions relating to the red squirrel and the months:

- a) Name the month of the year, in Gaelic, when the red squirrel would usually...
- store food for winter.
 - moult.
 - build their dreys.

Answer in a sentence – *'S e ... a th' ann.*

- b) Name the two months of the year, in Gaelic, when the red squirrels may give birth to babies.

- c) Describe the weather, in Gaelic, during ... (*month*).

Answer in a sentence – *Tha i ...*

- d) Which part of the Gaelic word for red squirrel, feòrag-ruadh, describes the colour of the squirrel?

Answers

- a) i) 'S e an Lùnastal a th' ann.
ii) 'S e an Giblean a th' ann.
iii) 'S e an Gearran a th' ann.

- b) am Màrt agus an t-luchar

- c) Many possible answers depending on the month and weather. Examples:
Tha i grianach. (possibly for July)

- d) Ruadh describes the colour of the red squirrel. Ruadh means a reddy brown colour and is usually used for hair or fur. Dearg means the colour red.