

Unit 2

Life Around Us

6. Living in Harmony



Discuss

- Do any of these animals, birds, insects and plants live with you in your house?

Ans. Yes, we have some birds like pigeons and sparrows near our house. We also have plants in pots and a dog named Bruno.

- Do you and your family take care of them?

Ans. Yes, we water the plants daily, feed the dog and sometimes leave water for birds.

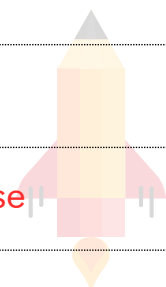


Find out

- Are there any animals, birds and insects that you have spotted that are not in the picture given on page 72?
- Try to find out their names and write them in the table given below. One example has been done for you.

Ans. Yes, Here are some animals, birds, and insects that are not in the picture on page 72 but are commonly seen around us:

Name of the Animal/Bird/Insect	Place Where You Have Seen Them
Monkey	Zoo and forest area
Ant	Kitchen and garden
Butterfly	Garden
Cat	My neighbor's house
Squirrel	On trees near my house
Peacock	Garden, zoo



One Point Learning

We bring some animals and plants into our homes. Some may just have started living there. Sometimes we share our home with them happily, but sometimes we do not like them in our home.

- Discuss with elders in your family which animals and plants they kept at home when they were young. Ask them to share any story about these animals and plants.

Ans. I talked to my grandmother about the animals and plants they had at home when she was young. She told me that:

- They had a cow named Gauri which gave them milk every day.
- They also had a cat that used to catch rats in the kitchen.
- In their courtyard, they had tulsi, rose, and guava plants.
- The tulsi plant was worshipped daily in the morning.



Story she shared:

She said one day the cow, Gauri, was missing and everyone was worried. They searched for her everywhere. In the evening, they found her in the neighbor's field happily eating sugarcane! Everyone laughed, and after that, they tied a little bell around her neck so they could hear her moving.



Discuss

- Which are the uninvited animals, birds and insects that visit your home?

Ans. Some of the uninvited animals, birds, and insects that visit my home are ants, cockroaches, mosquitoes, houseflies, rats, lizards, and sometimes pigeons and stray cats.

- Why do you think they come to your homes?

Ans. They come in search of food, water, or shelter. Some come because of open windows or leftover food.

- How do you feel about their presence in your home?

Ans. I feel uncomfortable and scared, especially when I see cockroaches or rats.

- Which of them do you like?

Ans. I like pigeons and butterflies when they visit the window or garden.

- What do you do when you do not like them?

Ans. We clean the house, close windows, and sometimes use natural or safe repellents to keep them away.



One Point Learning



Discuss

- How are we dependent on plants and animals?

Ans. We get food, clothes, medicine, and shelter from them.

- How do plants help animals?

Ans. Plants give shelter, food, and fresh air to animals.

- How do animals help plants?

Ans. Animals help plants by spreading seeds and making soil fertile.

- How do you look after plants and animals in your surroundings?

Ans. By watering plants, feeding animals, and not harming them.

- How do animals and plants depend on us?

Ans. They depend on us for care, safety, and a clean environment.



Activity - 1

- Observe the animals around you.
- Choose any animal that you see often, such as a goat, cow, dog, cat or bird like a crow, pigeon, sparrow, parrot or duck.
- Observe it closely whenever you get a chance. You can also keep a bowl of water and some grains for it.

Ans.

Name and description: I chose a pigeon. It is grey in colour with shiny green and purple feathers on its neck. It has red eyes and pink feet.

When and where did you first see it?: I first saw it on the window of my room one morning.

Was it alone or with its friends?: At first, it was alone. Later, two more pigeons joined it.

Describe its movement: It walked slowly and kept pecking at the floor. Then it flew away with a flapping sound.

What sounds did it make?: It made a soft "coo-coo" sound.

Did you see it eating, sleeping, talking to its friends or maybe fighting sometimes?

Yes, I saw it eating grains I kept for it. Sometimes, it chased another pigeon away.

Did it do anything that surprised you or made you laugh?

Yes, it tried to sit in a flowerpot and looked very funny while balancing!





Write

Write a short description of the animal or bird—

- Name and describe the animal or bird that you have chosen.

Ans. I chose a dog. It has brown fur, a wagging tail, and big, shiny eyes. It looks friendly and playful.

- When and where did you first see it?

Ans. At my friend's house

- Was it there alone or with its friends?

Ans. With other dogs

- Describe its movement.

Ans. It runs and wags its tail

- What sounds did it make?

Ans. Barks loudly

- Did you see it eating, sleeping, talking to its friends or maybe fighting sometimes?

Ans. It licked my hand and made me laugh

- Did it do anything that surprised you or made you laugh?

Ans. It shook hands with me like a human!

- Share your story with your classmates.

Ans. I told this story to my friends in class and we all laughed when I told them about the dog chasing its tail!



Activity - 2

Busy, Busy, Busy and Clever Ants!

You may do this activity near your plant friend, in your classroom or at home.

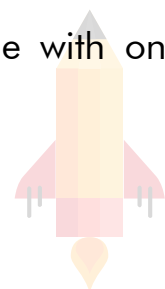
Bring small amounts of three types of food from your kitchen:

- Sweet like sugar or jaggery;
- Fried like a papad or murukku;
- Boiled or cooked like bread, chapati, idli, rice or ragi.

Keep these three types of food on the floor in a straight line with one foot distance between them.

Ans. I did the activity in my garden, near a small plant.

- Sweet: Sugar
- Fried: Papad
- Boiled/Cooked: Chapati



One Point Learning

What I observed:

- Sugar: After some time, ants came to the sugar first. More and more ants followed the first one and made a line.
- Papad: A few ants went near the papad, but only a couple touched it.
- Chapati: Very few ants came near the chapati.

Make a Guess

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who will come for the food? • Which will be their favourite food? • Will any ants come to your food? • Where would they come from? • Will all the ants look the same? • What food item will they go to first? • How many ants will come to the food? • What will they do with the food? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ants will come for the food. - They may like sugar the most. - Yes, ants will come to the food. - Ants will come from cracks in walls or garden soil. - No, not all ants will look the same. - They will go to sugar first. - Many ants will come. - They will carry small pieces of food to their home.

**Activity - 3****Guess Who I Am ?**

Sit in pairs. One of you will think of the name of an animal, bird, insect or tree and whisper it in the ear of your partner. Make sure you don't say it too loud! Your partner will have to act and move like the animal, bird or insect and the class will have to guess it! You can switch roles after this.

For example:

- Gopa's friend Ali whispered 'Frog' into his ear. What do you think Gopa did?

Ans. Gopa squatted down, jumped up and down, and made croaking sounds like "ribbit, ribbit" to act like a frog.

- Sukhiya's friend Surya whispered 'peepal tree' into her ear. What do you think Sukhiya did?

Ans. Sukhiya stood still with her arms stretched out like branches. She gently moved her fingers like leaves blowing in the wind and smiled like a calm tree.



Let us reflect



A. Discuss

1. How are we dependent on plants and animals?

Ans. We are dependent on plants and animals for food, shelter, clothing, and medicine.

2. How should we care for plants and animals in our environment?

Ans. We should care for them by not hurting them, feeding and watering them, and keeping surroundings clean.

3. How do plants and animals depend on us?

Ans. Plants and animals depend on us for love, safety, and protection.



B. Write

1. Complete these sentences with the names of plants, birds, animals or insects:

- a. I like looking at butterflies because they are colourful and pretty.
- b. Monkeys make me laugh because they jump around and make funny faces.
- c. My friend Riya likes dogs because they are loyal and playful.
- d. I would like to take care of parrots because they can talk and are fun.

2. a. Which is your favourite animal, bird, insect or plant among those you have named above?

Ans. My favourite animal is Dog.

b. Why do you like it?

Ans. Because it is friendly and loyal.

c. Write down the names of all the animals, birds, insects that you have seen or learned about from the smallest to the largest.

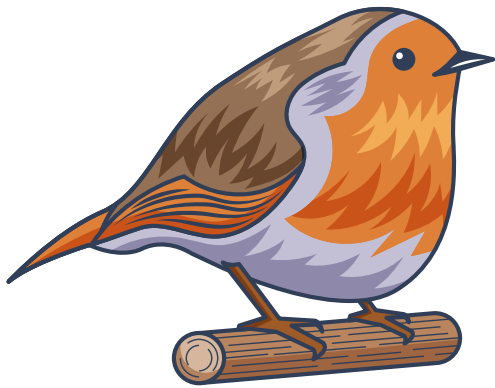
Ans. From Smallest to Largest: Ant, Bee, Butterfly, Sparrow, Parrot, Cat, Dog, Goat, Cow



**C. Draw**

Name and draw animals, birds and insects that have:

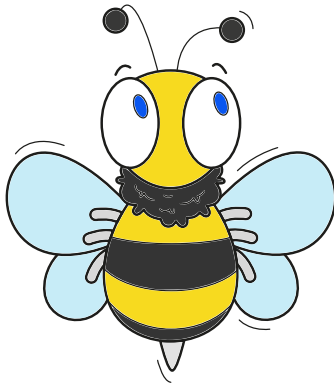
- a. Two legs
- b. Four legs
- c. Six legs
- d. Eight legs



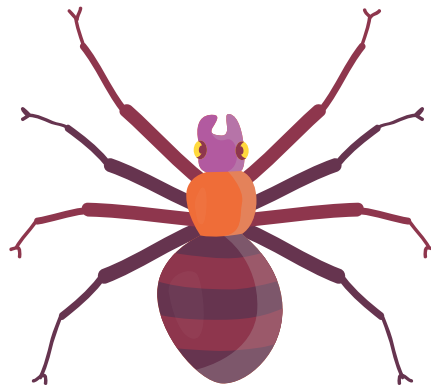
Two Legs: Sparrow



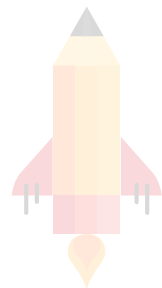
Four Legs: Lion



Six Legs: Honeybee



Eight Legs: Spider



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