

Exploring a Log Pile

- Equipment Needed:**
- Clipboard
 - Pencil
 - Bug viewer
 - Paintbrush
 - Spoon

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.

Activity 1

Describe around the log pile.

Shaded Damp
 Dry Bright

Activity 2

Get your brush, spoon or bug viewer ready
 Now turn over a stone or log
 Which of these creatures did you see?
 Tick the ones you saw.



Wood-



Beetle



Frog



Milli-



Centi-



Slug



Earth-



Lady-



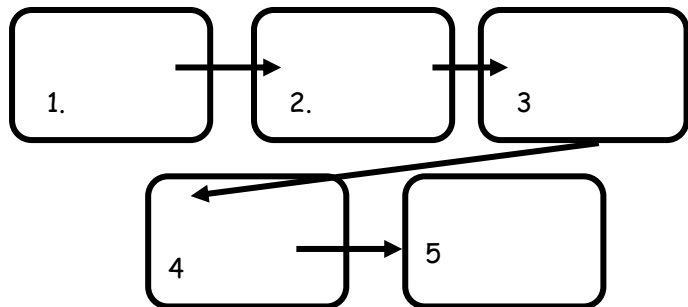
Spider

Activity 3

Finish the drawing of this woodlouse.

Activity 4

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



Curriculum Links
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