

### 3.32 Target vocabulary – habitats

**Topic:** Plants  
**Subtopic:** Habitats  
**Activity type/skill:** Word list  
**Literacy focus:** Vocabulary

#### Objective

- Introduce target vocabulary.
- Experience spoken and written forms and their usage.

#### What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)
- [Audio track 3.32](#)

#### What to do

1. Play track 3.32 (Track 11 for this topic) and have students look at both pages of the student worksheet as they hear each word and its extensions (tense variations and plurals) and the word in a defining context.

along	alternately	autumn	blow	broad
conditions	desert	firmly	ground	lose
needle	opposite	outwards	spread	spring
summer	survive	tough	tree	winter

2. Have students listen again and repeat the words.
3. Have students copy the words in the spaces.
4. Point out plurals (for example, 'They look like needles') and changed verb forms ('When something spreads, it moves outwards...').

#### Extending the activity

- Use the lists for revision and reference.

## Activity thirty-two



Track 12

### along

*preposition*



The plant is growing \_\_\_\_\_  
the fence.

### autumn

*noun*

\_\_\_\_\_ is the season before winter.  
In New Zealand \_\_\_\_\_ is in the  
months of March, April and May.

### broad

*adjective*

Something that is \_\_\_\_\_ is very wide.  
It is not narrow.

A motorway is a \_\_\_\_\_ road.

### desert

*noun*

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a large  
area of land where there  
is very little water and  
very few plants.



### ground

*noun*

The \_\_\_\_\_ is the surface of the  
earth. The roots of most plants are  
under the \_\_\_\_\_, their stems, leaves  
and flowers are above the \_\_\_\_\_.

### alternately

*adverb*

Things that happen



\_\_\_\_\_ happen regularly  
one after the other in a pattern. Leaves  
that grow \_\_\_\_\_ on a stem  
grow one above the other, not opposite.

### blow

*verb*



When the wind \_\_\_\_\_, the air moves.

### conditions

*noun*

Mangroves like to  
grow in warm, wet

\_\_\_\_\_  
They grow by the  
sea in places with  
warm weather all the year round.



### firmly

*adverb*

Roots hold plants \_\_\_\_\_ in the soil.

They hold plants in place so that they  
cannot move easily.

### lose

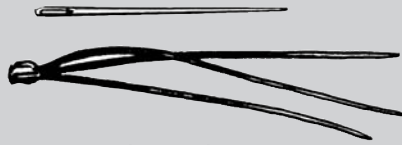
*verb*



If you \_\_\_\_\_ something you do not  
have it any more. Plants \_\_\_\_\_  
water through very small holes in  
their leaves.

## needle

*noun*



A \_\_\_\_\_ is a very thin, sharp piece of metal used for sewing.

The leaves of a pine tree are \_\_\_\_\_ shaped. They look like \_\_\_\_\_.

## opposite

*preposition*

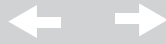
Leaves that grow \_\_\_\_\_ one another are on different sides of the stem, at the same height.



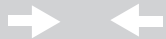
## outwards

*preposition*

These arrows are pointing \_\_\_\_\_.



These arrows are pointing inwards.



## spread

*verb*

When something \_\_\_\_\_ it moves outwards so it covers a large area. Water \_\_\_\_\_ when you drop it on the ground. The roots of the pohutukawa tree \_\_\_\_\_ above the ground.

## spring

*noun*

\_\_\_\_\_ is the season before summer.

In New Zealand \_\_\_\_\_ is in September, October and November.

## summer

*noun*

\_\_\_\_\_ is the hottest time of the year.

In New Zealand \_\_\_\_\_ is in December, January and February.

## survive

*verb*

Hedgehogs \_\_\_\_\_ in the winter by hibernating.

If they did not hibernate they would die from the cold.

## tough

*adjective*

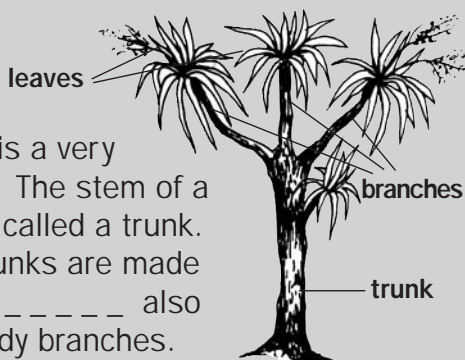
Something that is \_\_\_\_\_ is very strong and hard to break. Elephants have \_\_\_\_\_ skin. A flax plant has long, \_\_\_\_\_ leaves.



## tree

*noun*

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a very big plant. The stem of a \_\_\_\_\_ is called a trunk. \_\_\_\_\_ trunks are made of wood. \_\_\_\_\_ also have woody branches.



## winter

*noun*

\_\_\_\_\_ is the coldest season of the year.

In New Zealand \_\_\_\_\_ is in June, July and August.