



## Welcome to the Forest

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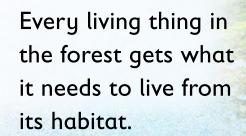
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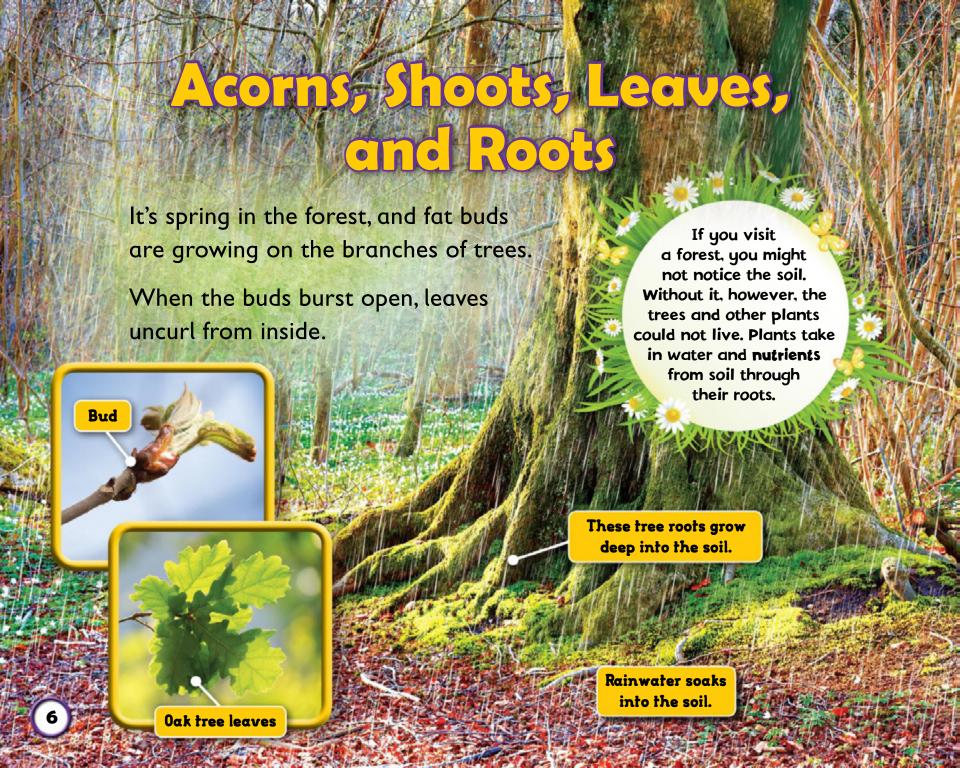
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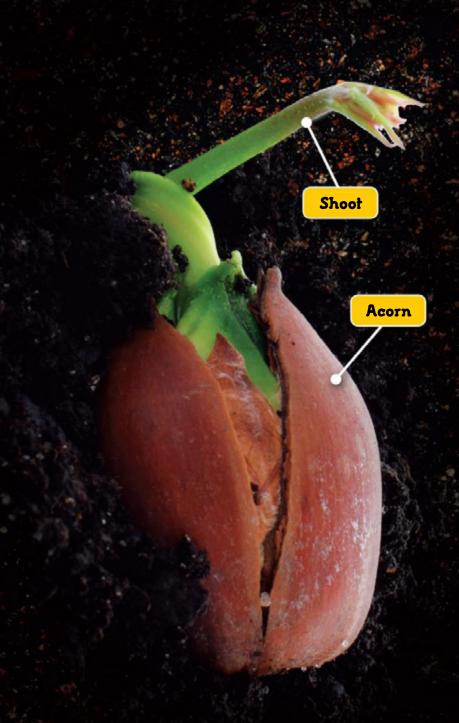
This **habitat** is home to trees, moss, and **fungi**.

The residents of this habitat include raccoons, birds, spiders, and other animals.









An acorn is buried in the forest soil.

Once the spring sunshine warms the soil, a **shoot** starts to grow.



Within a few weeks, the shoot grows into an oak tree seedling.

Once the oak tree is fully grown, it may live for hundreds of years!

In what ways do you think the forest trees are helpful to animals?