



MANZI'S NEWS



A Newsletter for Manzi's Buddies

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ANIMAL SHELTERS

Hello my dearest friends,

It is your friend again, Manzi. I hope you are enjoying school. Friends today we are going to learn about animal shelters, their sizes, shape and man-made animal shelters. We are also going to learn how to make a bird house as an example of an animal shelter. Some animals live in natural habitats for their homes. Other animals build their own homes. Some animals even live in other animal's homes. A natural shelter is a home that the animal has made for itself. Animals live in different kinds of homes:

- Natural shelters: nests, shells, hollow trees, wasp nests, etc.;
- Man-made shelters: kennels, cages, kraals, stables, etc.

Animal shelters can be shell or frame structures; they can have different shapes and sizes; and they can be made from different materials.

TYPES OF SHELTERS



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A weaver's nest is an example of a natural shelter. A weaver uses it for protection, storing and laying eggs.



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A beehive is a natural shelter. It is used by bees as protection and used to keep honey.



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A dog house/kennel is an example of a man-made shelter. A dog uses it for protection against people and bad weather such as rainfall and sunlight.





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An owl box is an example of a man-made shelter that is used to attract owls to people's yards. It is good to have owls because they feed on rats and mice. Rats and mice carry diseases that can be transmitted to humans and make them sick.

An African giant land snail has a shell on its body. This is a natural shelter. Snails and other marine animals use shells as their shelter for protection.



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Friends, today a lot of people live in big cities, suburban areas and townships. Before these places were built, it used to be habitats or homes for animals where they had shelters in trees, caves, rock cliffs, rocks, wetlands and many more. Many of these areas have been destroyed by people. That is so mean, isn't it friends? But hey, it is not too late. We can still do something to attract animals back to our areas. Some of the things you can do include planting trees, starting an indigenous flower garden, making a bird feeder and making a bird house.

ACTIVITY: Do It Yourself Bird House

You may buy a bird house from any pet shop. You may also make a bird house from different materials. Some people use recycled cartoon boxes, milk boxes and shoe boxes to make bird houses. A typical and long lasting bird house is one made of wood. Please check out the following Youtube video that shows you how to make a bird house at home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jIPO56EDRRE>



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Friends, that is all from me.
Enjoy your summer.
Remember to recycle and be Water Wise
at home and at school.

Lots of Love
Manzi



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References:
www.thunderboltkids.co.za; www.discoverwildlife.com;
www.birdlife.org.za; www.education.gov.za

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