

Key Stage 2: Geography

Lesson Plan 4: Hedgerows

In intensively farmed areas, hedgerows can be the most significant semi-natural habitats, forming essential links between other semi-natural habitats. They are a refuge for a great many plants and animals and are especially important for butterflies, moths, farmland birds, bats and dormice. Throughout the UK, 5 per cent of hedgerows are lost every year, with 21 per cent of English hedges having been lost between 1984 and 1990.

Your job is to find out **WHY** hedgerows are being lost, **WHY** it is important that we conserve our hedgerows and **WHAT YOU CAN DO** about it.

Make a list of all the reasons why hedgerows might be lost and then another list of all the reasons why it's important that we look after our hedgerows.

Then, in the class, discuss all the possible ways that hedgerows could be saved, including things that everyone could do to help.