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Date, name, job role



## What is rewilding?



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Rewilding converts large areas of countryside to its natural state. Rewilding lets plants and animals take over an area with minimal human interference, and may involve the reintroduction of species that had disappeared from an ecosystem like beavers and wolves which were hunted to extinction by humans in the UK.

Rewilding helps to increase biodiversity, which can reduce the effect of climate change on ecosystems.



## What is biodiversity?

Biodiversity is the number and variety of different species of organisms on Earth or within an ecosystem.





## Why is biodiversity important?



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## Why is biodiversity important?

High biodiversity benefits all living creatures and helps to tackle climate change and its effect. It improves the air we breathe and the variety of food we can eat.

Different species in an ecosystem are interdependent. This means they depend on each other for things like food and shelter.

In an area of high biodiversity one species is less likely to depend on only one species as a source of food or shelter. Therefore, if one species dies out, the rest are more likely to survive as they have a variety of options. This makes an ecosystem stable so it is better for us and our environment.



## Who can help improve biodiversity?

*Please watch the video:*

[How the Environment Agency can tackle climate change](#)





## Why is rewilding controversial?

Many people have different opinions about rewilding particularly reintroducing certain species to an area where they used to live.

Can you think of some of the arguments for and against rewilding?

*Write your thoughts on your sheet.*



## Should we rewild parts of Britain?

You are going to take on the role of a character affected by rewilding and share their opinion with your group.

In the debate:

- introduce your character
- give your character's opinion
- give the reasons for your character's opinion

*Remember you must listen to the opinions and arguments of the other characters and complete section 2 on your worksheet.*

*Remember in this debate you are gathering the points of view of lots of different people to see the argument from both sides.*



## Let's hear your opinion!

Time to vote (be prepared to justify it)

**Agree -**  
We should  
rewild parts  
of Britain

**Disagree -**  
We should NOT  
rewild parts  
of Britain



## What do you think?

Now that you have finished your debate look at all the arguments for and against rewilding parts of Britain.

Do you think that we should rewild parts of Britain?

*Explain your thoughts as much as possible using arguments from the debate to support your own opinion.*

*Do you think there are some compromises that could be made to achieve some of the rewilding objectives, that would satisfy people who are against it.*



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