

Woodlice habitats

Carefully collect some woodlice by brushing them gently into a container with a paintbrush. Remember that they are living things so treat them very carefully.

Prepare a tray divided into the following four environments:

- 1. Dark and dry:** Cover this section with a piece of black sugar paper. There should be space underneath for the woodlice to go.
- 2. Dark and damp:** Cover this section with a piece of damp, black sugar paper. There should be space underneath for the woodlice to go.
- 3. Light and dry:** Leave this section empty.
- 4. Light and damp:** Place a piece of damp, white sugar paper on the floor of this section.

Place the woodlice into the tray. After 20 minutes, count how many woodlice are sitting in each section. Record the information in the table below. Which conditions do you think they like best? Using this information, where do you think you would be likely to find woodlice outside?

Dark and dry	Dark and damp
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