Plant Adaptations
With your child, explore some habitats at Kew Gardens.

Choose a habitat to explore more closely. Does it feel:

- Damp
- Shaded
- Warm

Explore the environment together. Is it:

- Rocky
- Grassy
- Sandy

Close your eyes.

What can you hear?
What can you smell?

How many different types of plant can you see growing in your chosen habitat?

Now look at a different habitat together.
Are the plants growing here different?

Look closely. Can you find a plant with a special feature? Look for:

- Prickly leaves
- A thorny stem
- An interesting scent

With your child, discuss how the plant might have adapted to help it survive in this environment.

Did you know?
Common gorse is a shrub that thrives on heaths and coastal grasslands. Gorse has adapted to its environment: needle-like leaves protect the plant from hungry animals and dry conditions, while yellow, coconut-scented flowers attract pollinators.