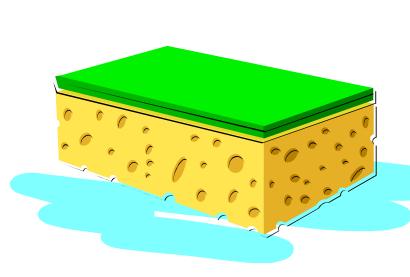
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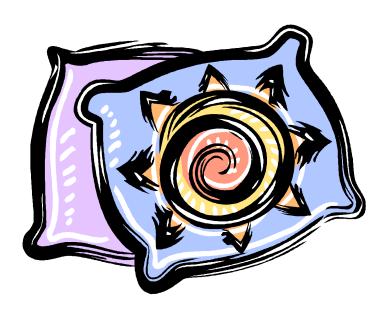


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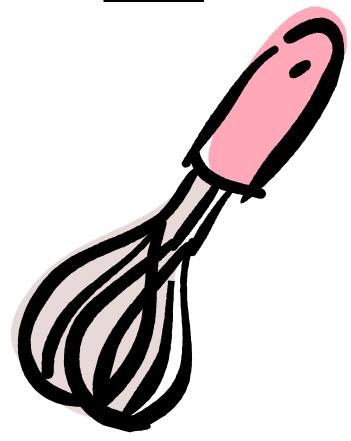


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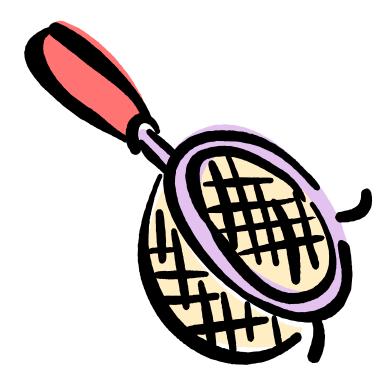
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How is a **Strainer** like a wetland?



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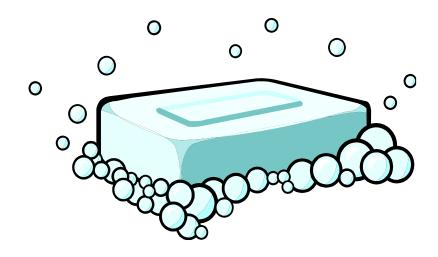
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How is **Cereal** like a wetland?

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How is **Soap** like a wetland?





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# How is **Antacid** like a wetland?



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#### **Wetland Metaphors**

Key to items:

- **Pillow** provides a resting place for migratory birds
- Mixer mixes nutrients and oxygen into the water
- Cradle provides a nursery that shelters, protects and feeds young wildlife
- **Sieve or strainer** strains silt and debris from water
- Filter filters small impurities from water
- Antacid neutralizes toxic substances
- **Cereal or rice** provides nutrient rich foods
- **Soap** helps cleanse the environment
- Sponge absorbs excess water caused by runoff; retains moisture for a time even if standing water dries up.

