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Adaptation in Animals

For animals, adaptation means having certain body parts (eg fins and gills in fish) or behaviours (eg nest building) that allow the animals to survive and thrive in their environments. Your mission is to select an animal from your local area and report on ways it has adapted to its environment. Once you've chosen your animal, think about it, and observe it if you can, then answer the following questions.

1. What animal did you select? _____

2. What special adaptations does the animal have to help it survive in its environment?

3. Are the adaptations physical? Or are they behaviours that the animal uses?

4. Are any of these adaptations needed because humans have changed the animal's environment? Explain.

5. If the animal didn't have these adaptations, what problems might it face?

6. Do other animals have similar adaptations? Which animals?

7. Use the back of this page to design a creature to fit into an unusual environment. Describe the environment and list the special adaptations the animal would need.

