



ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

Reader: _____ Room: _____

Select an animal to research.

Research Questions:

1. Describe the animal's behavior and explain how these adaptations help it survive.
2. Describe the animal's physical characteristics and explain how these adaptations help it survive.
3. Describe the biome in which this animal lives. What are the biggest survival challenges in this biome? What adaptations help the animal to survive in its biome?
4. Diagram this animal's food web. What adaptations help the animal find food and avoid being eaten?
5. Chart the stages in this animal's life cycle. What adaptations help the animal to successfully grow and reproduce?
6. Identify and describe threats to this animal's survival.



ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS VOCABULARY

Physical Characteristics

camouflage
pigments
venom
organs
adaptation
evolve
structure
internal
external
function
senses
sensory

Behavior

habit
instinct
migration
hibernation
breeding grounds
feeding grounds
nocturnal
diurnal
defense mechanisms
communication
mobility
respond

Animal Classification

vertebrates
invertebrates
cold-blooded
warm-blooded
mammals
reptiles
amphibians
arachnids
marsupials

Life Cycle

infancy
youth
mate
maturity
mortality
reproduction
male
female
fertilize
offspring
display
carcass

Habitat

environment
den
pasture
forest
jungle
meadow
plain
savanna
wetlands
tundra
sanctuary
grasslands
coastline
temperate
tropical
deciduous
coniferous

Food Chain/Food Web

herbivore
omnivore
carnivore
predator
prey
scavenger
nutrients
apex predator
consumer
primary
secondary
decomposers

Wild & Endangered

species
population
colony
individual
specimen
solitary
captive
endangered
poaching
deforestation
survival
decline
decrease
increase
extinct
ancestor
preservation

