Adaptations

A habitat is the place where a plant or animal lives. All living things have adaptations that help them survive.
in their habitats. Plants and animals can live only in habitats that meet their needs.
Body Shape

The shape of an animal helps it live in its habitat.
The sleek body of a shark helps it swim through the water. The wings of a bird help it fly through the air.
The strong legs of a gopher help it dig in the ground.

Life in Deserts

A camel lives in the hot, dry desert. Its hump stores food and water. The hump lets the camel go long distances without drinking. Its big feet help it walk over the hot sand. Most animals could not live in such a dry place.
Protection

Adaptations help protect animals from their enemies. Some animals look like their surroundings. This helps them hide from their enemies. Other animals get away from enemies by running fast.

Attracting Mates

Some adaptations help animals attract mates. Peacocks have long, colorful tails. Their beautiful tails help them attract mates. A female picks a male peacock with the best tail.
Glossary Terms

habitat - the natural place and conditions in which a plant or animal lives

mate - the male or female partner of a pair of animals

protect - to keep safe

attract - to draw interest toward

distance - the amount of space between two places

desert - a dry area that gets little rain; many deserts are hot and sandy

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