

Adaptations and Survival

READ ALOUD PASSAGE

Every animal must do about nine things to survive and reproduce. Most of its features serve one of them. Nature solves the same problem in many different ways. Legs, wings, and flippers all answer the need to move.

Behavior is an adaptation too. Nest building and living in groups are adaptations with no body part attached. Many adaptations are also limits. Being built for one place means not being built for another. That place is a species' niche.

Plants have their own version of the same list, and where plants can grow decides which animals can live there.

Activity 1: Word Hunt

Look back at the reading. Find four nouns and write them on the lines.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Activity 2: Brainstorm Details

Read the topic sentence. Write four key words or phrases that could support it. Do not write full sentences.

TOPIC SENTENCE

Behavior can be an adaptation.

Key words and phrases:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Activity 3: Notes to Sentences

These are notes, not sentences. Turn each set of notes into a complete sentence.

1. legs, wings, flippers → move

2. built for one place → not another

3. plants → decide which animals live there
