

Adaptations Match Challenge

Each clue below starts with an animal describing itself. Find an adaptation in the list of adaptations that would help that animal survive. Write the letter of the adaptation in the space provided. Then look at the list of animals and write the name of the animal described by each clue.

Clues

1. I can't run very fast, and my body could easily be hurt by the strong teeth and claws of big predators. I need to be able to protect myself and also to catch prey that is stronger and faster than I am.

Adaptation: _____ Animal: _____

2. I move so slowly that it's impossible for me to run away from predators. I need a good way to protect myself when a predator threatens.

Adaptation: _____ Animal: _____

3. I build my home from trees and branches I cut myself.

Adaptation: _____ Animal: _____

4. I drink nectar for food. I have to be able to get the sweet liquid that's deep inside flowers.

Adaptation: _____ Animal: _____

5. I spend all of my life underwater. I have to be fast to catch my food and to get away from predators that think I'm food.

Adaptation: _____ Animal: _____

6. I live in a very cold place. I have to stay warm even while I'm hunting on frozen ice, and I have to blend in, too.

Adaptation: _____ Animal: _____

7. I find my food in shallow water, but I don't swim. I like to keep my feathers dry.

Adaptation: _____ Animal: _____

8. I can fly, but I catch my food in water, so I have to be a good swimmer.

Adaptation: _____ Animal: _____

9. I spend most of my time underground, digging my way through the soil looking for worms and insects to eat.

Adaptation: _____ Animal: _____

Adaptations

- A. Feet with sharp claws that work like shovels
- B. Long, tube-like beak that works like a straw
- C. Highly developed brain that makes it possible to design, build, and use all kinds of tools, machines, and structures
- D. Body covered by a very hard shell into which head and legs can be pulled
- E. Webbed feet that work like paddles
- F. Long legs and long neck
- G. Streamlined body that moves easily through water
- H. Large, sharp teeth for gnawing through wood
- I. Hollow-shafted white fur that collects heat from the sun

Animals

- Human being
- Duck or other bird with webbed feet
- Mole, armadillo, or woodchuck
- Wading bird
- Turtle or tortoise
- Fish, seal, or whale
- Beaver
- Polar bear
- Hummingbird