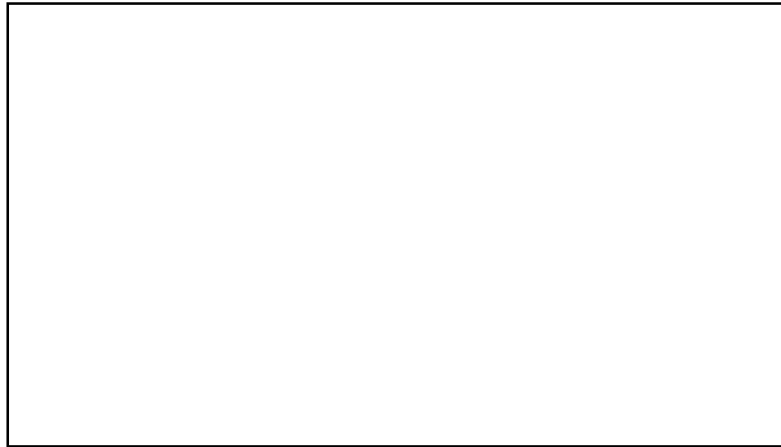


# Animal Favorite

Which animal was your favorite? Draw its picture in the space below.



A simple way to identify a variety of adaptations is to observe the animal closely (preferably in its habitat) and ask a series of questions. Observe your favorite animal and answer the following questions. What body parts help it accomplish each function?

1. How does the animal move? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How does the animal catch and eat its prey? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. How does the animal obtain oxygen? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

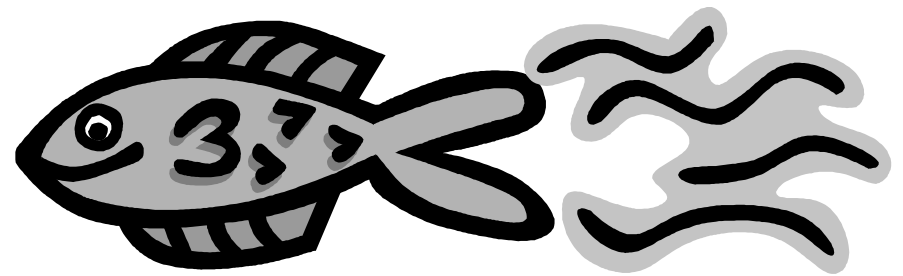
4. How does the animal protect itself from danger? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Tennessee Aquarium

## Adaptations Scavenger Hunt

Grades 3-6



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Adaptations

Survival is the name of the game in the natural world and animals have developed endless adaptations to help them stay alive. An adaptation is any physical characteristic or behavior that enables an animal or plant to survive in its habitat. How many of the animals with these adaptations can you find during your visit today?

whiskers to “taste and smell” \_\_\_\_\_

camouflage to blend in \_\_\_\_\_

bright colors to warn of poison \_\_\_\_\_

prehensile tail for holding on \_\_\_\_\_

feeds from the bottom of the water column \_\_\_\_\_

filter feeder \_\_\_\_\_

swims in a school \_\_\_\_\_

can climb \_\_\_\_\_

defends itself using spines \_\_\_\_\_

webbed feet for swimming \_\_\_\_\_

flattened to live on the bottom \_\_\_\_\_

sharp teeth for catching prey \_\_\_\_\_

fur to keep it warm and dry \_\_\_\_\_

communicates using sounds 1. \_\_\_\_\_

& 2. \_\_\_\_\_

can sting \_\_\_\_\_

“fishes” for its food \_\_\_\_\_

looks like a leaf or rock \_\_\_\_\_

has flippers \_\_\_\_\_

hides in rocks or crevices \_\_\_\_\_

buries in the sand \_\_\_\_\_

lives in a shell \_\_\_\_\_

is endangered or threatened \_\_\_\_\_

swims fast \_\_\_\_\_

long and slender to fit in holes/crevices \_\_\_\_\_

wings for flying \_\_\_\_\_

strong beak for cracking nuts \_\_\_\_\_

protects itself in an unusual way

1. name? \_\_\_\_\_

2. how? \_\_\_\_\_