

Animal Adaptations

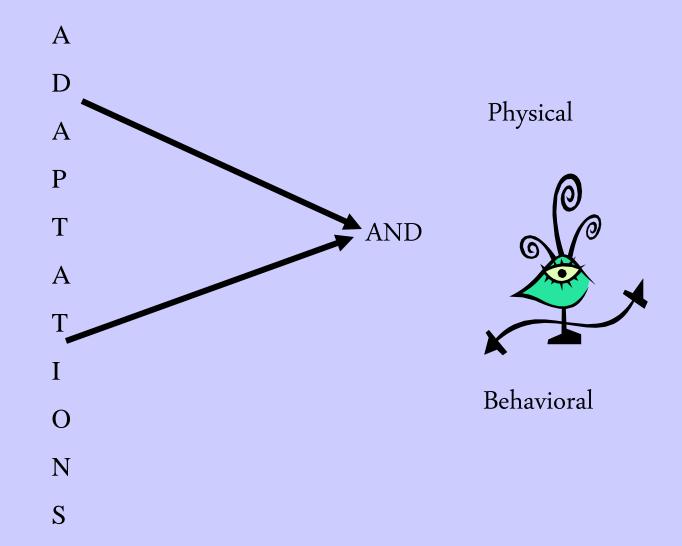
Have you ever wondered how animals are able to survive in the wild?



Animals have certain adaptations that help them to survive.



We can separate **adaptations** into two categories:



Physical adaptations

are body structures that allow an animal to find and consume food, defend itself, and to reproduce its species.

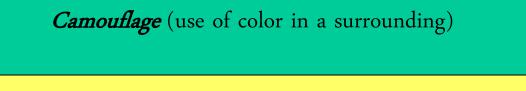
Hey! I'm a walking stick. I look just like a stick you'd find on the ground.

Physical adaptations help

an animal survive in its

environment.

Physical adaptation





The chameleon can change its **color** to match its surroundings. Can **you** do that?

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Physical adaptation

Mimicry

(looking or sounding like another living organism)

The Viceroy butterfly uses mimicry to look like the Monarch butterfly. Can you tell them apart?



Poisonous

I'm the Monarch!

I'm the Viceroy!

Not poisonous



Physical adaptation



Chemical defenses (like venom, ink, sprays)

Physical adaptations

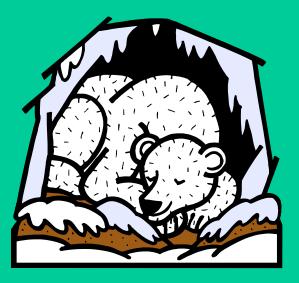
Body coverings & parts (claws, beaks, feet, armor plates, skulls, teeth)



The elephant's TRUNK is a physical adaptation that helps it to clean itself, eat, drink, and to pick things up.

Now let's learn about

Behavioral Adaptations...



Behavioral Adaptations allow animals to respond to life needs.

Behavioral Adaptations are animals' actions.

Remember that Physical Adaptations are body

structures.



Each organism has unique methods of adapting to its environment by means of different actions.

We can divide **Behavioral Adaptations** into two groups:

Instinctive

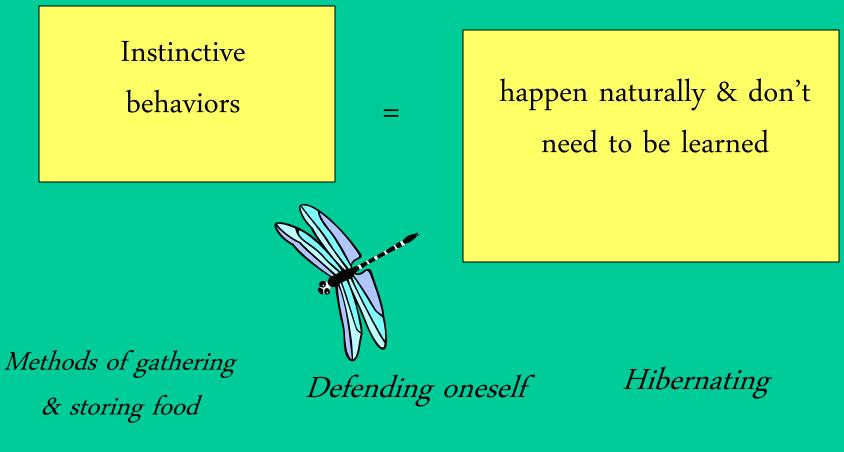


These behaviors happen naturally & don't have to be learned.





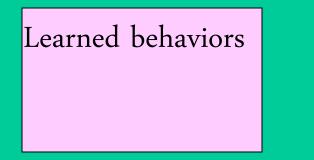
These behaviors must be taught.



Finding shelter

Raising young

Migrating





Obtained by interacting with the environment and cannot be passed on to the next generation except by teaching.

In this lesson, we have learned about **animal adaptations**.

There are 2 ways to describe adaptations:

Physical

and

Behavioral





Physical adaptations are body structures. Some examples of physical adaptations are:

Camouflage Mimicry Chemical defenses Body coverings & parts

Behavioral Adaptations are animals' actions.

Behavioral Adaptations can be Instinctive or Learned.

