

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

SURVIVAL AND EXTINCTION

1 Earth is changing all the time. Read and match.

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| 1 function (n) | a how species' physical characteristics or behaviors change to help them live in their environments |
| 2 adaptation (n) | b what something is designed to do, the reason it is there |
| 3 survival (n) | c a change in physical characteristics or behavior so that a living organism can function better an environment |
| 4 adapt (v) | d what happens to a group of living organisms when they have all died out |
| 5 extinction (n) | e how organisms change so they can live in their environments |



2 Complete the sentences, using the words in 1.

- 1 An animal's _____ has a specific purpose. For example, owls' bigger eyes allow them to see and catch their food more easily.
- 2 One _____ of a duck's webbed feet is to help it swim more easily.
- 3 Animals have to _____ to new conditions to stay alive.
- 4 The _____ of a whole species of animals or plants changes the ecosystem.
- 5 The _____ of a species depends on how well or how fast it can change.