

ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

GRADE 5 SCIENCE • EXPLORE • OBSERVE • DISCOVER

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

SCIENCE MISSION Help each animal survive! Use the clue box to complete the sentences. Then explain your science thinking in your own words.

PART A • FILL IN THE BLANKS

camouflage	webbed feet	gills	thick fur	echolocation
claws	blubber	wide feet	proboscis	burrows

1. An octopus can change color to blend into its surroundings. This is called _____.
2. A duck uses _____ to paddle through water.
3. A freshwater fish uses _____ to take oxygen from water.
4. A polar bear has _____ to help keep its body warm.
5. A dolphin uses _____ to find objects and prey underwater.
6. A squirrel uses sharp _____ to climb trees.
7. A seal has a layer of _____ that helps insulate its body in icy water.
8. A camel's _____ help it walk on sand.
9. A butterfly uses its tube-like _____ to sip nectar from flowers.
10. A marmot digs _____ for shelter.

PART B • OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

11. What is an adaptation? Explain how it helps an animal survive.

12. Choose one ocean animal from the lesson. Name one adaptation and explain how it helps the animal.

13. What is camouflage? Give one example of an animal that uses it.

14. Choose an animal from a pond, garden, or rice field. How does it find food or stay safe?

15. Imagine an animal living in the desert. Describe one body feature or behavior that would help it survive.
