

PRACTICE 4

You are going to read an article about how camouflage helps animals survive in the wild. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (1 – 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. For each question, write the correct answer (A – H) in the space provided.

Camouflage among Animals

Wild animals often hide, either to protect themselves or to hunt for their prey.

1 The zebra's black and white stripes make its whole body appear a dull grey from afar. 2 Animals with blotches or spots like the giraffe and the leopard can hardly be seen if they stand still among the bushes and trees. The stripes of the tiger can conceal it among the trees in the jungle. Cheetahs must hide to spring a surprise on their prey. 3

4 It is not easy to see a leaf insect or a stick insect among leaves and branches. Colourful butterflies blend in well with the brightly coloured flowers they feed among. Crocodiles look just like floating logs in the river.

5 The chameleon and certain kinds of fish change colour when they enter new surroundings. For example, a flounder can change from tan to black when it swims over sand and then mud.

6 Each species has its own special way of surviving in the wild.

- A Their spotted tawny colour blends with the brown grasslands where they hunt.
- B Animals are masters of camouflage.
- C Some animals, especially insects, are shaped and coloured like their surroundings.
- D Some animals can quickly change colour.
- E The snake is known for its venomous bite.
- F One way of hiding themselves is to use camouflage.
- G The giraffes' long necks help them to reach leaves high up in the trees.
- H This camouflages them well, especially when the light is dim at dawn and dusk when most predators are hunting.

[6 marks]