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## Compare and Contrast Main Ideas

# Part 2: A Strange Creature



Last summer I went to visit my uncle who lives in Australia. While I was there, we went fishing early one morning at the river near his house. As we were getting our fishing poles ready, I saw something out of the corner of my eye. It looked like the tail of a beaver!

About thirty seconds later, I saw a duck's bill come up out of the water near where I saw the beaver. But as it began to bring its head out of the water, I saw that it had fur instead of feathers! I rubbed my eyes in confusion. The sun wasn't up all the way yet, so it was still a little dark. Maybe it was a beaver after all?

When it finally stepped out of the water, I saw that it really did have a bill and webbed feet like a duck. But then I saw that it had four feet instead of two. Its smooth fur looked like an otter's, but its body was much shorter. I stared in amazement as the strange creature quickly disappeared into its home in the ground. I'd never seen anything like that before!

### A platypus



1 - HAS

- a mammal
- claws like a bear
- a bill like a duck
- in Australia
- webbed feet like a duck
- a tail like a beaver
- fur instead of feathers

2 - IS

3 - LIVES

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