

# Animal Adaptation Scavenger Hunt



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*Explore your environment in search of animals and identify their various adaptations.*

## Duration

Preparation: 5 minutes

Activity: 45 minutes

## Supplies

- Hand lens
- Scavenger Hunt Worksheet

## Background

Animals have adaptations that help them to survive in their habitat. In this activity, students will search a natural area to locate animals with certain characteristics and explain the **adaptation** that helps them with that characteristic.

## Instructions

1. Pair students together and give pairs their hand lens and worksheet.
2. Tell students that while they are outside and looking for animals, they are not to disturb animals in their environment, nor will they collect any items.
3. They will use their eyes and hand lens to see adaptations over various animals.
4. A sample entry in the worksheet is:

Characteristic	Animal	Adaptation
Flies	Bird	Has wings
5. There are blank spaces under “Characteristics” for the teacher or students to add.

## Vocabulary

**Adaptation:** something the animal has on its body or does that help it to survive.

## Animal Adaptations Scavenger Hunt

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Animal</b>	<b>Adaptation</b>
Flies		
Eats plants		
Lives in trees		
Lives in the water		
Camouflages		
Stings for defense		
Makes loud noises		
Jumps to move		
Crawls on the ground		
Moves very quickly		
Moves very slowly		