

# Adaptations

3rd Grade

Body parts and behaviours that fit an animal to its home.

*An adaptation is a feature that helps a living thing survive where it lives.*

| Animal            | Adaptation                 | Why it helps                    |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Polar bear</b> | thick fur, black skin      | traps heat in the Arctic        |
| <b>Camel</b>      | hump of fat, wide feet     | survives days without water     |
| <b>Cactus</b>     | spines instead of leaves   | loses less water                |
| <b>Duck</b>       | webbed feet, oily feathers | swims and stays dry             |
| <b>Owl</b>        | huge eyes, silent wings    | hunts at night                  |
| <b>Giraffe</b>    | very long neck             | reaches leaves nothing else can |

Adaptations take many generations. An individual animal cannot choose to grow one.