

# Animal Adaptations

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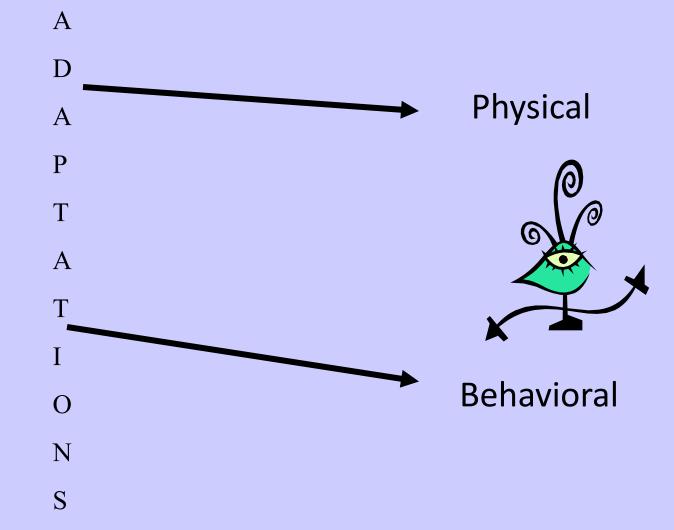
Have you ever wondered how animals are able to survive in the wild?



Animals have certain adaptations that help them to survive.



### We can separate **adaptations** into two categories:





#### **Physical adaptations**

<u>are body structures that</u> <u>allow an animal to find</u> <u>and consume food,</u> <u>defend itself, and to</u> <u>reproduce its species</u>.

Physical adaptations help an animal survive in its environment.

#### **Physical adaptation**

#### Camouflage (use of color in a surrounding)



The chameleon can change its **color** to match its surroundings. Can **you** do that?

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#### Giraffe

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Willow Ptarmigan

Snow Leopard







### Vine Snake



Klipspringers

Octopus

**Physical adaptation** 

#### **Mimicry**

(looking or sounding like another living organism)

The Viceroy butterfly uses mimicry to look like the Monarch butterfly. Can you tell them apart?



Poisonous

I'm the Monarch!

#### I'm the Viceroy!

Not poisonous



#### **Physical adaptation**



Chemical defenses (like venom, ink, sprays)

#### **Physical adaptations**

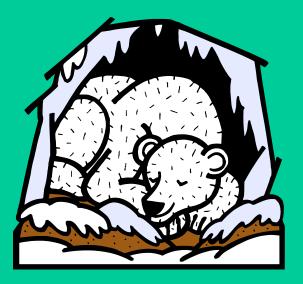
### Body coverings & parts (claws, beaks, feet, armor plates, skulls, teeth)



The elephant's TRUNK is a physical adaptation that helps it to clean itself, eat, drink, and to pick things up.

#### Now let's learn about

#### **Behavioral Adaptations...**



## **Behavioral Adaptations** allow animals to respond to life needs.

# **Behavioral Adaptations** are animals' actions.

Remember that Physical Adaptations are body structures.



Each organism has unique methods of adapting to its environment by means of different actions.

# We can divide **Behavioral Adaptations** into two groups:

#### Instinctive

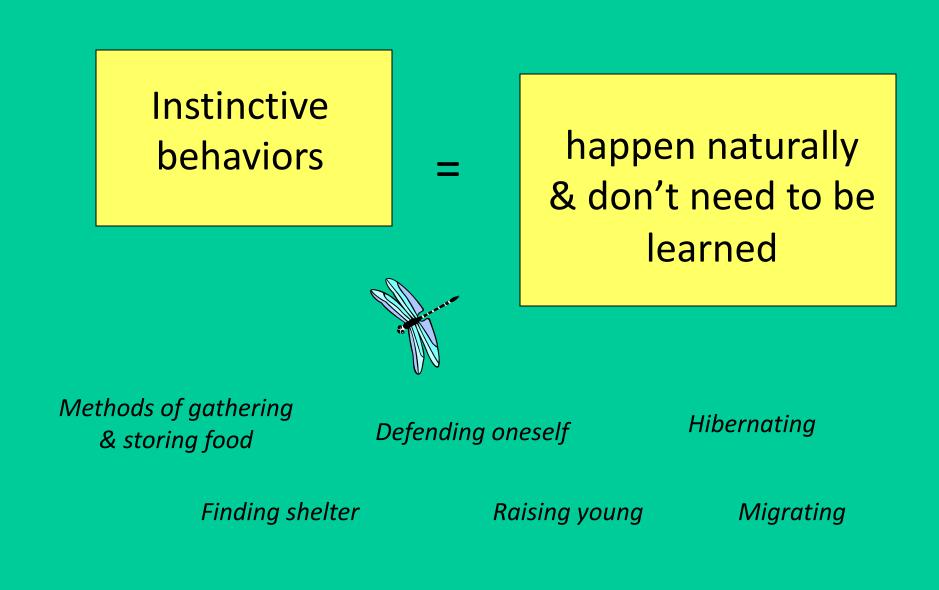


These behaviors happen naturally & don't have to be learned.

#### Learned



These behaviors must be taught.



### Learned behaviors

Obtained by interacting with the environment and cannot be passed on to the next generation except by teaching.