

Finding a Meal



Every animal on earth must eat something in order to stay alive. Many animals eat some parts of plants. Giraffes munch leaves from the tall trees on the African plain. Koala bears in Australia only eat eucalyptus leaves in the forest. Even the mighty buffalo in America only eat grass.

Some animals are predators, which means they eat some other creature. Lots of predators will catch and eat small animals like mice and rabbits. Larger fish eat smaller fish. Big predators in Africa like lions and leopards will attack all kinds of big animals, even elephants. Animals that predators eat are called prey.

With predators all around them, animals need some way to protect themselves. One form of protection is camouflage. This means that the animal's outside appearance allows it to blend into its surroundings so it is harder for a predator to find it.

Some predators use camouflage too. Predators need camouflage so that prey animals cannot see the predator nearby.



Name: _____

Fill in the Blanks

Use some of the following words.

African American Australian Asian
camouflage predator prey

1. Giraffes eat leaves from the tall trees on the _____ plain.
2. Buffalo eat grasses on the _____ plain.
3. Koala bears eat eucalyptus leaves in the _____ forest.
4. An animal that catches and eats another animal is called a _____.
5. _____ means the animal's outside appearance allows it to blend into its surroundings.



Name: _____

Write the name for each camouflage animal.

Look closely to find the animal.

Coyote Deer Ducks Frog
Lizard Rabbit Snake Tiger





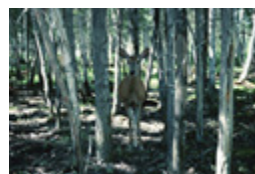














Answer Key

Fill in the blanks

1. African
2. American
3. Australian
4. predator
5. camouflage

Write the name for each camouflage animal.

Frog

Tiger

Rabbit

Ducks

Lizard

Snake

Coyote

Deer

