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# Introduction

What is camouflage? Animals use camouflage to hide. They use their color or their shape to hide. Sometimes you can't see the animals!



Can you see the fish?  
Where is the frog?  
What animal is hiding in the tree?



Now read and discover  
more about camouflage!



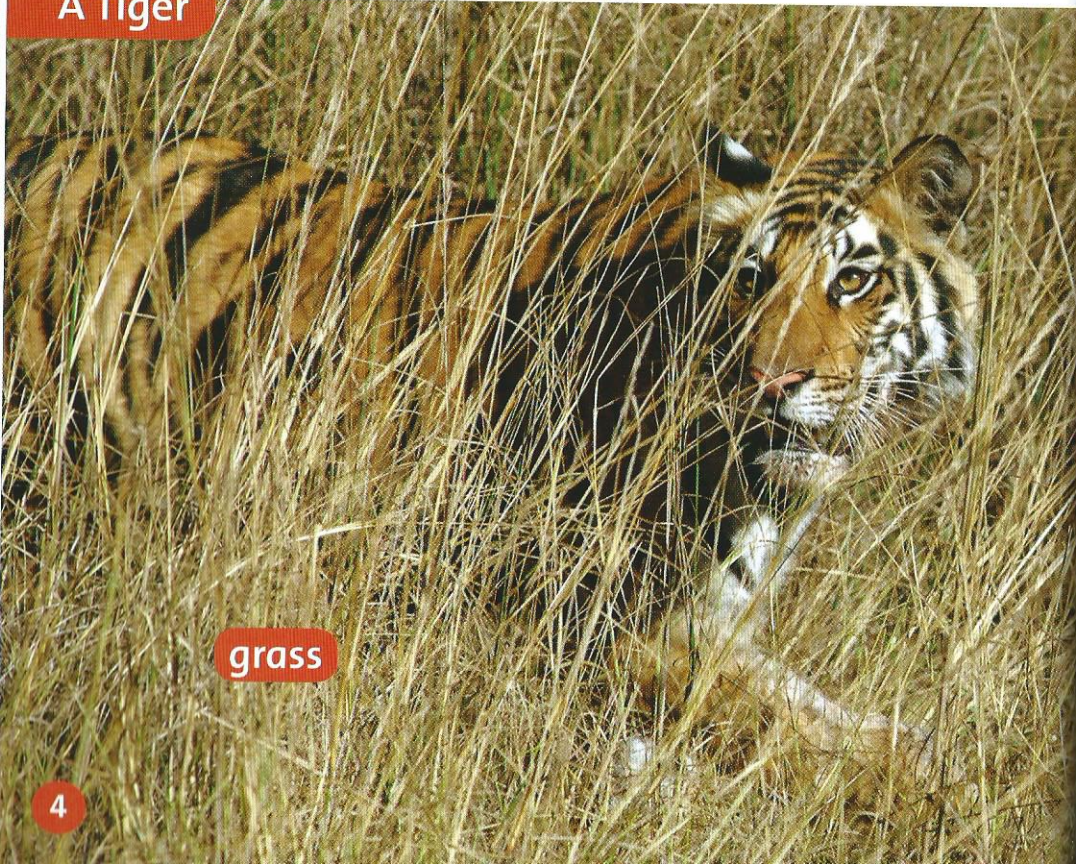
# 1

## Camouflage

Animals use camouflage to hide from other animals.

This tiger is using camouflage to hide in the grass. The tiger has fur on its body. The fur has stripes. The stripes help the tiger to hide in the grass.

A Tiger



grass



A Bird in a Tree

Some animals look the same as trees or flowers. Birds have feathers on their body. This bird has brown and white feathers. The bird is hiding in a tree. It's the same color as the tree. Can you see the bird?



This spider hides on flowers. On yellow flowers, the spider is yellow. On white flowers, it's white!



# 2

## Animal Homes

Many animals are the same color as their home. This helps them to hide.

Let's find a caterpillar. This green caterpillar lives on a green leaf. The caterpillar is good at hiding. It looks the same as the leaf!

A Caterpillar



A Monkey

Many animals that live in trees are brown or green. Can you see this monkey? It's hiding in the trees in a rainforest.

Harp Seals



This mother harp seal is gray. She swims in the gray water. Her baby is white. The baby seal lives on the white ice. The mother and the baby are using camouflage to hide.

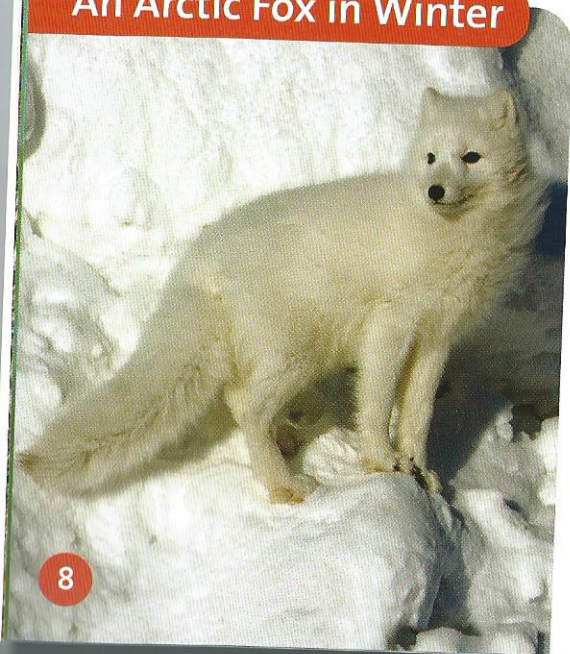


# Winter and Summer

In winter, there's lots of snow and ice in very cold places. The animals have white fur or feathers so they can hide.

Here's an Arctic fox in winter with its white fur. Here's a grouse with its white feathers. The fox and the grouse are using camouflage.

An Arctic Fox in Winter



A Grouse in Winter



An Arctic Fox in Summer



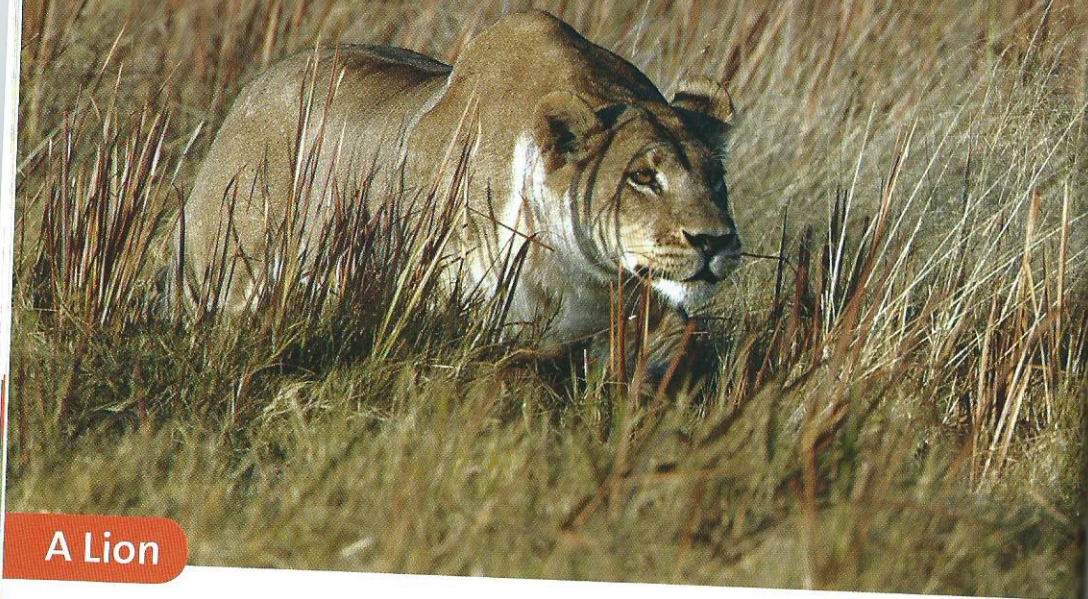
A Grouse in Summer

In summer, the snow melts. Some animals get new fur or feathers. Their home isn't white now! See how the Arctic fox has brown fur in summer. The grouse has brown summer feathers. Her chicks have brown feathers, too.

When more snow comes in winter, the animals are white again!



## 4 In the Grass



A Lion

Lots of amazing animals live in Africa. They hide in the tall grass. Some animals hunt other animals.

It's evening and here's a hungry lion. The lion wants to hunt a gazelle. The lion is hiding so gazelles can't see it. The lion is the same color as the grass.



A Gazelle

Gazelles use camouflage, too. They are the same color as the grass. Gazelles hide so lions can't see them. When a lion sees a gazelle, the gazelle runs away. Gazelles can run very fast.



A mother gazelle hides her baby in the tall grass. Lions don't see it there.





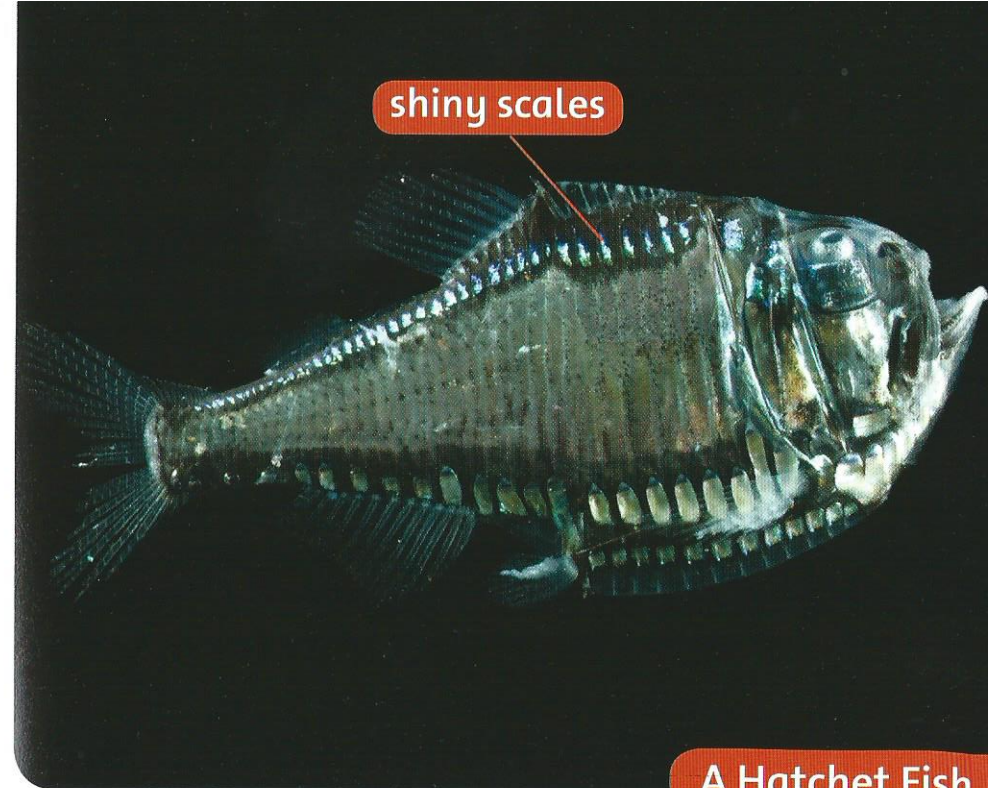
# 5 In the Water

A Frogfish

Many animals use camouflage in the water. This frogfish lives next to coral. The fish looks the same as the coral. Can you see the fish?

This flounder is a fish that lives at the bottom of the ocean. It looks the same as the stones!

A Flounder



A Hatchet Fish

This hatchet fish lives in the deep ocean. It has very shiny scales. They look the same as a mirror. Light bounces off the scales so other animals can't see the fish.



The leafy sea dragon looks the same as a plant. Other fish want to eat it!





## A New Color

Some animals can get a new color very fast. The cuttlefish is brown when it's on sand. When it goes on coral, it's many colors! It can make stripes and other patterns on its body, too.



A Cuttlefish



A Beetle



This beetle is shiny yellow. When a bird comes to eat the beetle, the beetle uses camouflage. The beetle gets a new color and a new pattern. Now it looks the same as a ladybug! The bird doesn't like eating ladybugs so it goes away. Then the beetle can be yellow again.





A Katydid

What's this? Is it a leaf? No, it's an insect called a katydid. It's amazing! It looks the same as a leaf.

A Leaf Insect



Here's another insect. It's called a leaf insect. When it moves, it looks the same as a leaf in the wind. The leaf insect can have holes in its body. This looks the same as a leaf when an animal eats it!



A Frog

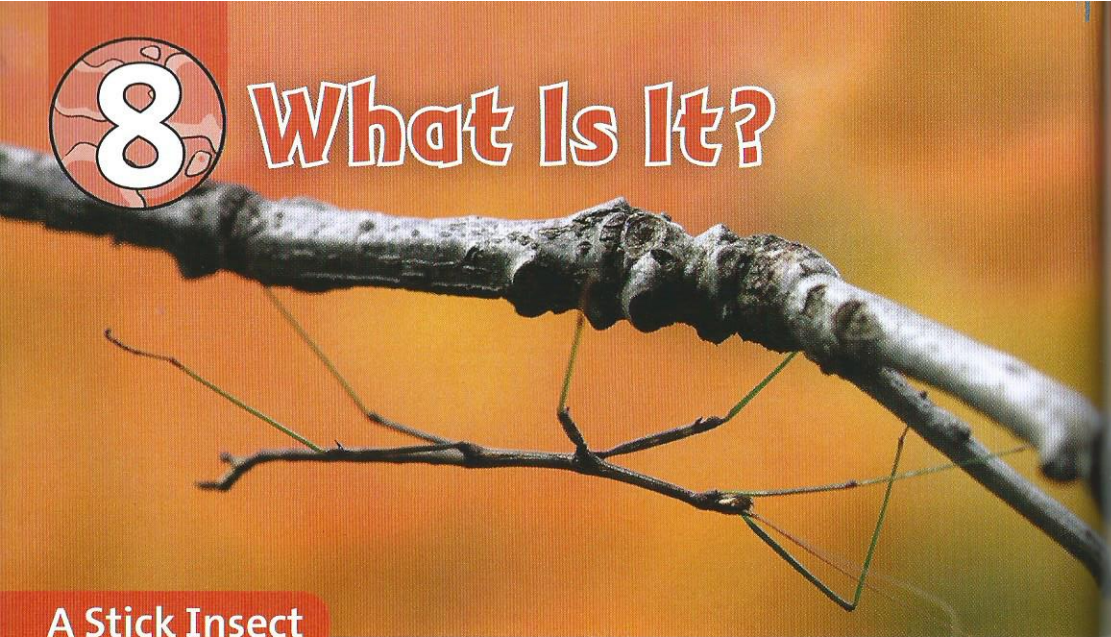
Look at these leaves. Can you see the frog? It's using camouflage. This frog lives in a rainforest.

Can you find the animal here? It's a leaf gecko. See how it looks the same as the leaf.

A Leaf Gecko



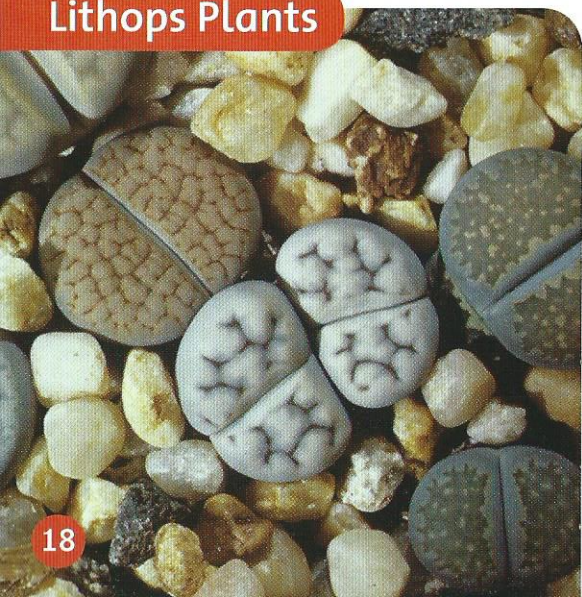




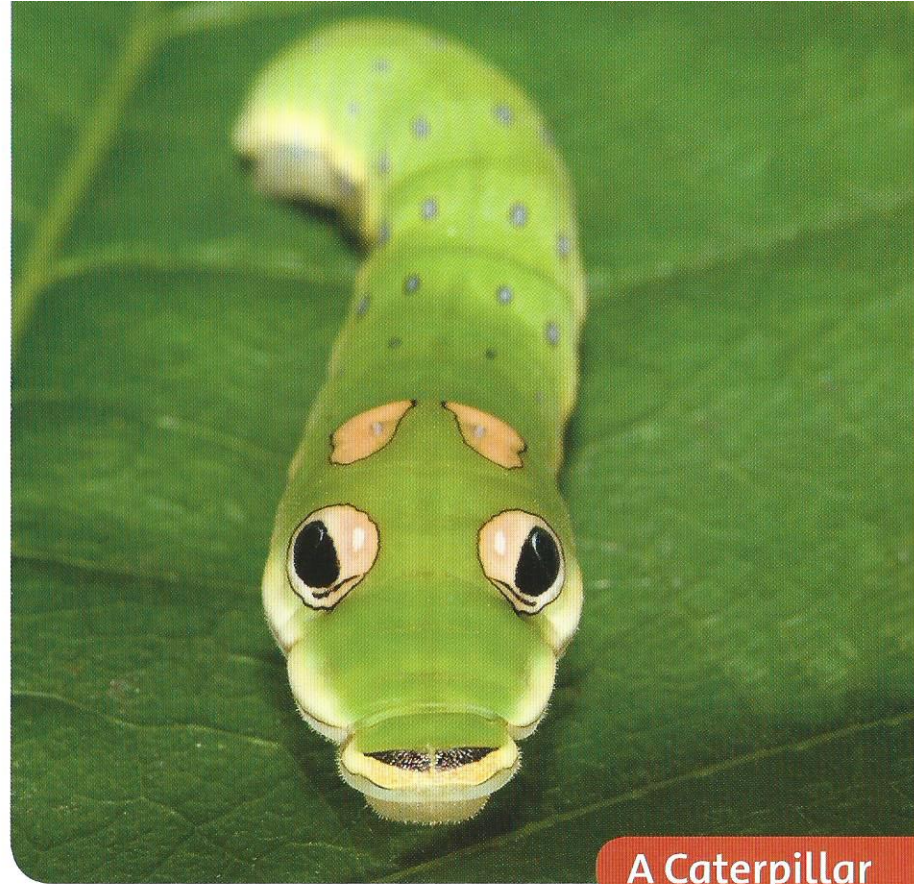
A Stick Insect

Here's a stick insect. It looks the same as a small stick. At night, it eats leaves. In the day, it hides on plants and you don't know it's there.

Lithops Plants



Are these stones? No, they are lithops plants! Animals think they are stones and they don't eat them. That's good camouflage.



A Caterpillar

This caterpillar looks the same as a snake. It has two circles on its body. The circles look the same as a snake's eyes. When the caterpillar is scared, it makes the circles big.

Lots of animals use camouflage to hide. How many animals can you find in this book?



# 1 Camouflage

← Read pages 4–5.

## 1 Write the words.

spider fur tree tiger bird flowers



1 fur



2 \_\_\_\_\_



3 \_\_\_\_\_



4 \_\_\_\_\_



5 \_\_\_\_\_



6 \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Find and write the words.

animals camouflage hide body color stripes

1 animals

3 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Circle the correct words.

- 1 Animals use spiders / camouflage to hide.
- 2 Tigers / Birds have fur.
- 3 Birds have flowers / feathers on their body.
- 4 Some tigers / animals look the same as flowers.
- 5 Some spiders hide / help on flowers.

## 4 Answer the questions.

- 1 What do animals use to hide?

Animals use camouflage to hide.

- 2 What do tigers have on their body?

\_\_\_\_\_

- 3 How do stripes help tigers?

\_\_\_\_\_

- 4 What do birds have on their body?

\_\_\_\_\_

- 5 Where do some spiders hide?

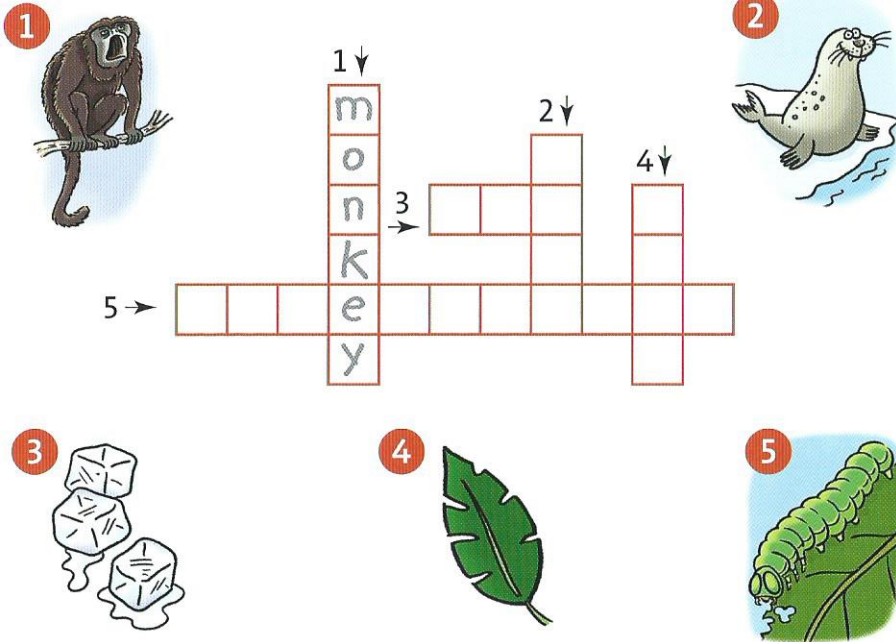
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# 2 Animal Homes

← Read pages 6–7.

## 1 Complete the puzzle.



## 2 Write *true* or *false*.

- Caterpillars live on leaves.
- Harp seals live in rainforests.
- Baby harp seals are white.
- Monkeys live on ice.

true

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Complete the sentences.

brown ice hiding color swim rainforests

- Many animals are the same color as their home.
- Caterpillars are good at \_\_\_\_\_.
- Many animals that live in trees are \_\_\_\_\_.
- Monkeys hide in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mother harp seals \_\_\_\_\_.
- Baby harp seals live on \_\_\_\_\_.

## 4 Order the words.

- gray. / mother / is / The / harp seal  
The mother harp seal is gray.
- harp seal / swims / The / mother / in / the / water.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- white. / is / harp seal / baby / The  
\_\_\_\_\_
- harp seal / on / baby / lives / The / ice.  
\_\_\_\_\_



# 3 Winter and Summer

← Read pages 8–9.

## 1 Write the words.



1 x f o

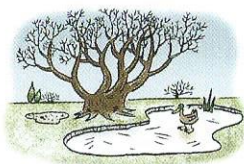
fox



2 s h e a t e r f



3 r e u m m s



4 t r e w i n



5 s o r g u e



6 r u f

## 2 What color are they? Match.

- 1 brown
- 2 white
- 3 white
- 4 brown

Arctic fox in winter  
grouse in summer  
Arctic fox in summer  
grouse in winter

## 3 Complete the sentences.

melts white feathers  
summer snow brown

- 1 The Arctic fox has brown fur in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 The grouse has white \_\_\_\_\_ in winter.
- 3 The grouse has \_\_\_\_\_ feathers in summer.
- 4 The Arctic fox has \_\_\_\_\_ fur in winter.
- 5 There's lots of \_\_\_\_\_ in winter.
- 6 In summer, the snow \_\_\_\_\_.

## 4 Answer the questions.

- 1 How do animals hide in snow?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What color is the grouse in summer?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What color is the Arctic fox in winter?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 When does the snow melt?  
\_\_\_\_\_



# 4 In the Grass

← Read pages 10–11.

## 1 Find and write the words.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| h | t | i | h | i | d | e |
| g | a | z | e | l | l | e |
| l | i | h | u | n | t | e |
| b | g | r | a | s | s | e |
| a | r | l | i | o | n | n |



1 hide 2 h



3 l 4 g 5 g

## 2 Write *true* or *false*.

- 1 Lots of amazing animals live in Africa. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Animals in Africa hide in the snow. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Some animals hunt other animals. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Gazelles hunt lions. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Lions run away from gazelles. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Gazelles use camouflage. \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Match. Then write the sentences.

Lots of animals  
Some animals  
hide in  
A lion hides  
A gazelle hides  
Gazelles can run

so gazelles can't  
see it.  
very fast.  
so lions can't see it.  
the grass.  
live in Africa.

- 1 Lots of animals live in Africa.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_

## 4 Circle the correct words.

- 1 Animals hide in the grass / gazelle.
- 2 Some animals run / hunt other animals.
- 3 Gazelles use / hide camouflage.
- 4 Lions / Gazelles run away.
- 5 A gazelle hides its baby / mother.



# 5 In the Water

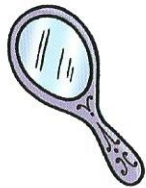
← Read pages 12–13.

## 1 Write the words.

ocean coral mirror fish stones scales



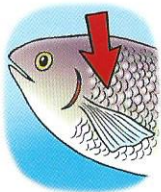
1 \_\_\_\_\_



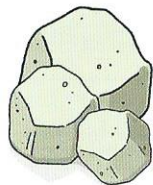
2 \_\_\_\_\_



3 \_\_\_\_\_



4 \_\_\_\_\_



5 \_\_\_\_\_



6 \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Where do they live? Match.

- 1 frogfish
- 2 flounder
- 3 hatchet fish
- 4 leafy sea dragon

next to plants  
in the deep ocean  
next to coral  
at the bottom of  
the ocean

## 3 Order the words.

- 1 next to / The / frogfish / lives / coral.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 looks / The / flounder / stones. / as / the /  
the same  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 scales. / shiny / has / The / hatchet fish  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The / looks / leafy sea dragon / the same  
plant. / as a  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 4 Answer the questions.

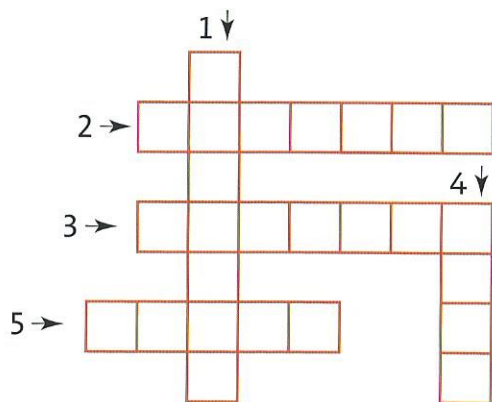
- 1 How does the frogfish use camouflage?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Where does the flounder live?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Where does the hatchet fish live?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 How does the leafy sea dragon use  
camouflage?  
\_\_\_\_\_



# 6 A New Color

← Read pages 14–15.

## 1 Complete the puzzle.



## 2 Write *true* or *false*.

- 1 The cuttlefish is brown when it's on coral. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 The cuttlefish can make stripes on its body. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 The beetle uses camouflage. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The beetle looks the same as a cuttlefish. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The bird likes eating ladybugs. \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Number the sentences in order.

- ☐ The beetle gets a new color and a new pattern.
- ☐ The bird goes away.
- ☐ The beetle is yellow.
- ☐ The beetle is yellow again.
- ☐ The beetle looks the same as a ladybug.
- ☐ A bird comes to eat the beetle.

## 4 Complete the sentences.

pattern ladybugs camouflage  
beetle body brown

- 1 The cuttlefish is \_\_\_\_\_ when it's on sand.
- 2 The cuttlefish can make patterns on its \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 The beetle uses \_\_\_\_\_. It gets a new color and a new \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 The \_\_\_\_\_ looks the same as a ladybug.
- 5 The bird doesn't like eating \_\_\_\_\_.



# 7 Is It a Leaf?

← Read pages 16–17.

## 1 Write the words.

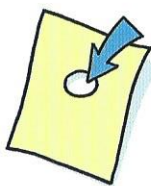
leaf hole gecko rainforest frog insects



1 \_\_\_\_\_



2 \_\_\_\_\_



3 \_\_\_\_\_



4 \_\_\_\_\_



5 \_\_\_\_\_



6 \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Circle the correct words.

- 1 The katydid is a frog / an insect.
- 2 The leaf insect has holes / leaves in its body.
- 3 The frog lives in a gecko / rainforest.
- 4 The gecko looks the same as a leaf / frog.

## 3 Order the words.

- 1 the same / looks / leaf. / as a / The / katydid  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 in its / leaf insect / The / body. / has holes  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 lives / rainforest. / The / frog / in a  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 leaf gecko / The / camouflage. / uses  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 4 Complete the sentences.

camouflage gecko leaf  
holes animals wind

- 1 Some \_\_\_\_\_ look the same as a leaf.
- 2 The katydid looks the same as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 When the leaf insect moves, it looks the same as a leaf in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 The leaf insect can have \_\_\_\_\_ in its body.
- 5 The frog uses \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 The \_\_\_\_\_ looks the same as a leaf.



# 8 What Is It?

← Read pages 18–19.

## 1 Match. Then write the sentences.

Stick insects  
Lithops plants  
Some caterpillars  
Lots of animals  
use

look the same as  
a snake.  
camouflage to hide.  
look the same as  
a stick.  
look the same as  
stones.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Find and write the words.


*insects plants stones animals caterpillars snake*


- |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 _____ | 3 _____ | 5 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 4 _____ | 6 _____ |


## 3 Answer the questions.


- 1 What does the caterpillar look the same as?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What does the caterpillar have on its body?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What does the caterpillar do when it's scared?  
\_\_\_\_\_


## 4 Complete the puzzle. Then find the secret word.


  
1


  
2


  
3


  
4


  
5

  
6

  
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1 → ice

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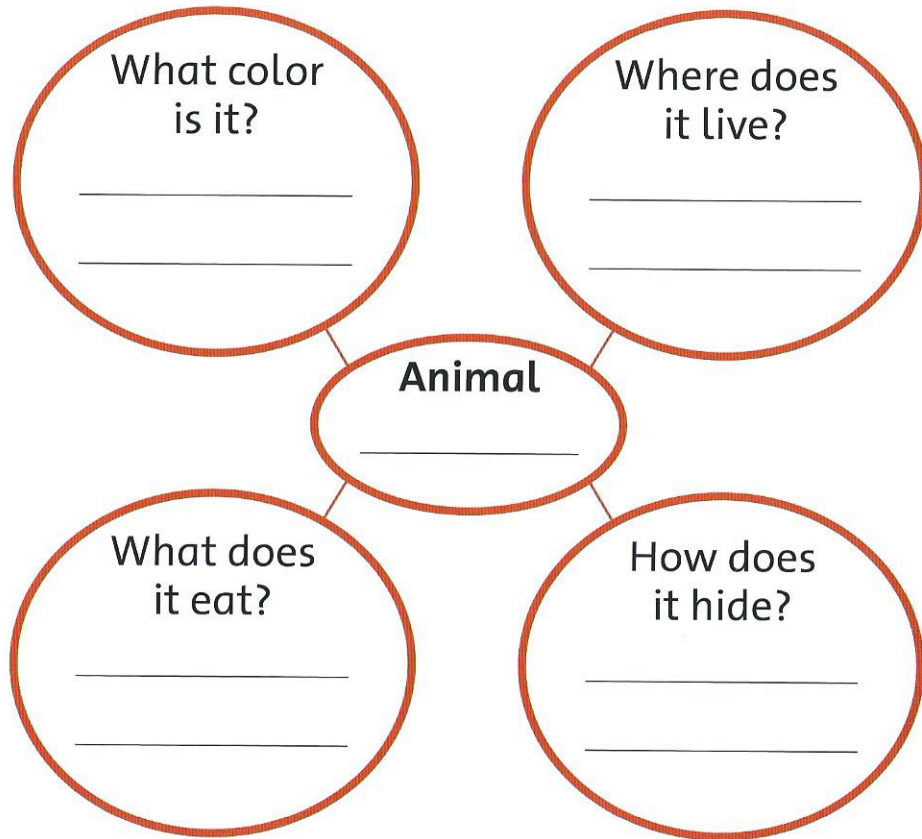
The secret word is:

\_\_\_\_\_



# A Camouflage Poster

- 1 Think of an animal that uses camouflage. Complete the diagram.



- 2 Find or draw pictures of the animal. Make a poster.
- 3 Display your poster.

# Camouflage Cards

- 1 Write a card about a small animal.

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Animal     | <u>caterpillar</u>                      |
| Color      | <u>green</u>                            |
| Home       | <u>leaf</u>                             |
| Camouflage | <u>It's the same color as its home.</u> |

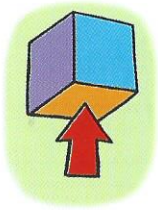
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| Color      | _____ |
| Home       | _____ |
| Camouflage | _____ |

- 2 Write a card about a big animal.

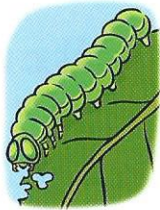
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| Home       | _____ |
| Camouflage | _____ |



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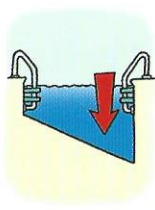
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caterpillar



coral



deep



melt



mirror



ocean



pattern



fast



feathers



fur



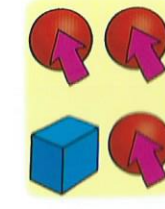
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plants



rainforest



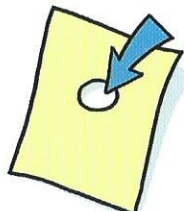
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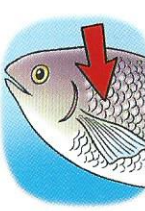
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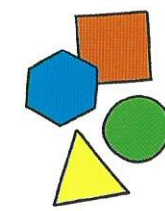
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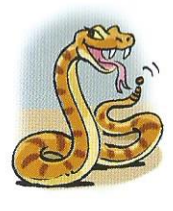
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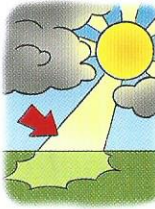
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ladybug



leaf



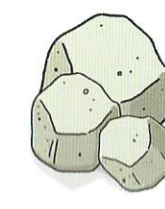
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spider



stick



stones



stripes





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| Subject Area<br>Level       | The World of Science & Technology  | The Natural World   | The World of Arts & Social Studies  |
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| <b>1</b><br>300 headwords   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eyes</li><li>• Fruit</li><li>• Trees</li><li>• Wheels</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At the Beach</li><li>• In the Sky</li><li>• Wild Cats</li><li>• Young Animals</li></ul>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art</li><li>• Schools</li></ul>   |
| <b>2</b><br>450 headwords   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Electricity</li><li>• Plastic</li><li>• Sunny and Rainy</li><li>• Your Body</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Camouflage</li><li>• Earth</li><li>• Farms</li><li>• In the Mountains</li></ul>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cities</li><li>• Jobs</li></ul>   |
| <b>3</b><br>600 headwords   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How We Make Products</li><li>• Sound and Music</li><li>• Super Structures</li><li>• Your Five Senses</li></ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amazing Minibeasts</li><li>• Animals in the Air</li><li>• Life in Rainforests</li><li>• Wonderful Water</li></ul>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Festivals Around the World</li><li>• Free Time Around the World</li></ul> |
| <b>4</b><br>750 headwords   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All About Plants</li><li>• How to Stay Healthy</li><li>• Machines Then and Now</li><li>• Why We Recycle</li></ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All About Desert Life</li><li>• All About Ocean Life</li><li>• Animals at Night</li><li>• Incredible Earth</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Animals in Art</li><li>• Wonders of the Past</li></ul>                    |
| <b>5</b><br>900 headwords   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Materials to Products</li><li>• Medicine Then and Now</li><li>• Transportation Then and Now</li><li>• Wild Weather</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All About Islands</li><li>• Animal Life Cycles</li><li>• Exploring Our World</li><li>• Great Migrations</li></ul>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homes Around the World</li><li>• Our World in Art</li></ul>               |
| <b>6</b><br>1,050 headwords | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cells and Microbes</li><li>• Clothes Then and Now</li><li>• Incredible Energy</li><li>• Your Amazing Body</li></ul>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All About Space</li><li>• Caring for Our Planet</li><li>• Earth Then and Now</li><li>• Wonderful Ecosystems</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food Around the World</li><li>• Helping Around the World</li></ul>        |