

# How Do Animals Meet Their Needs?

Sometimes animals are not able to get what they need to live.

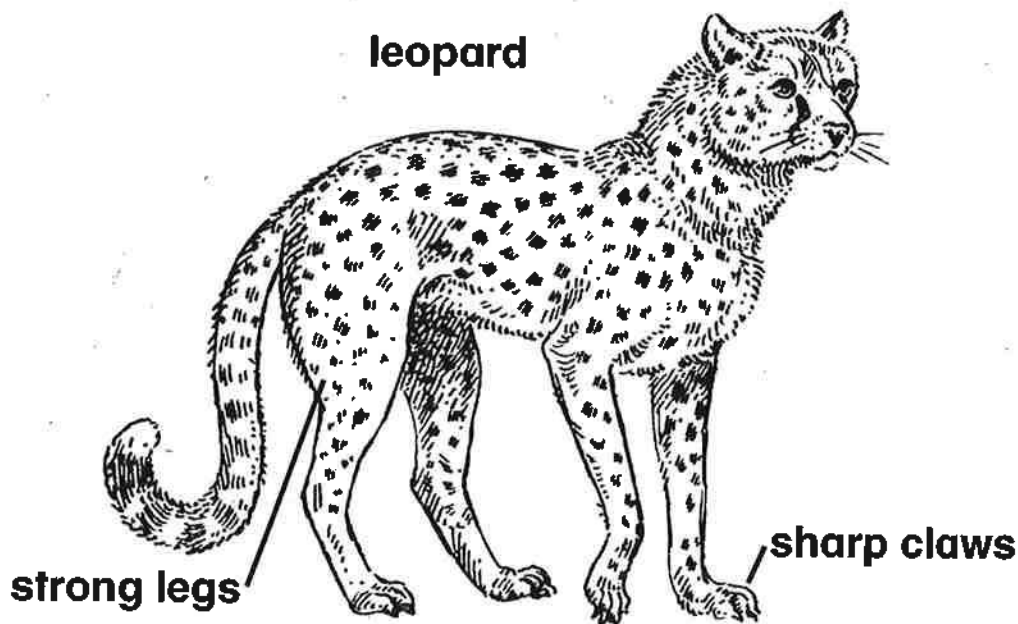
Then they have to move or their bodies need to change.

An adaptation is a body part or action that helps a living thing meet its needs where it lives.

Some adaptations help animals meet their needs on land.

Strong legs help animals run fast and jump.

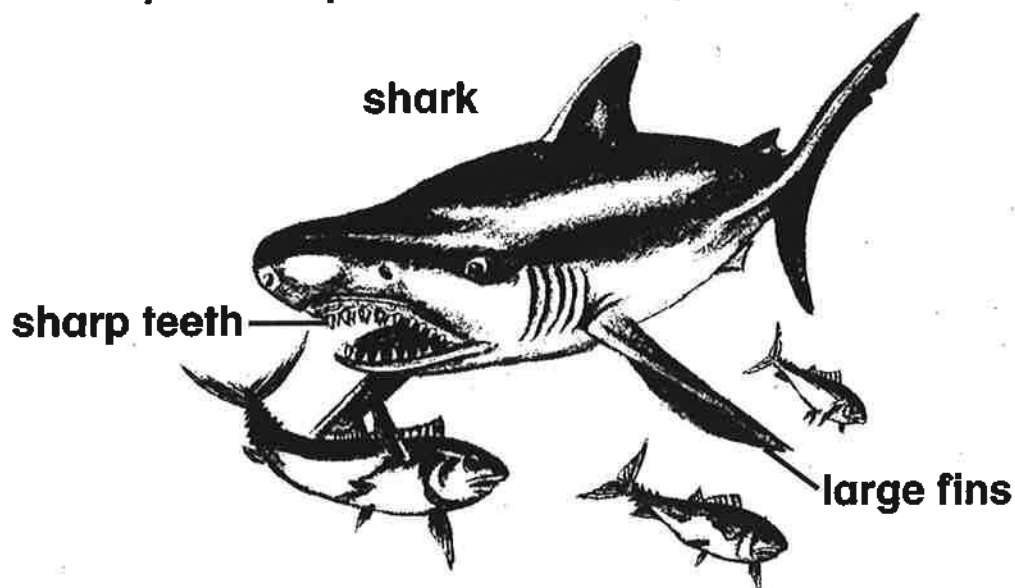
Sharp claws help animals catch food to eat.



**Other adaptations help animals meet their needs in water.**

**Fins or flippers help animals move in water.**

**Special mouth parts help animals eat.**

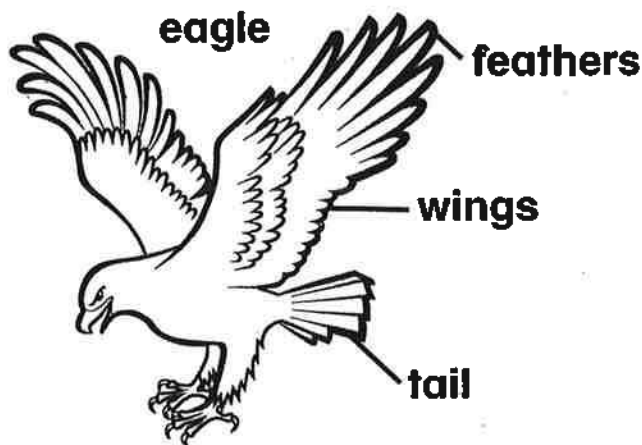


**Birds have adaptations that help them fly in the air.**

**A bird's feathers help it move and fly.**

**Its tail helps, too.**

**Birds also have hollow bones that are strong and light.**

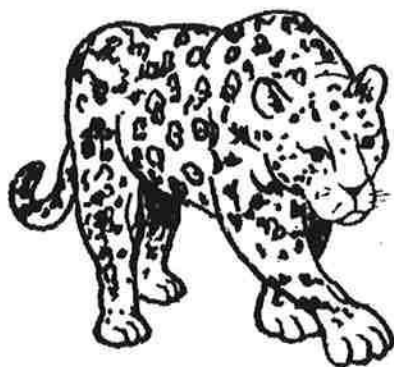


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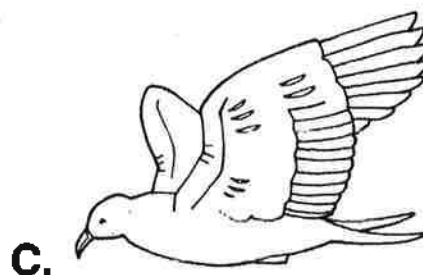
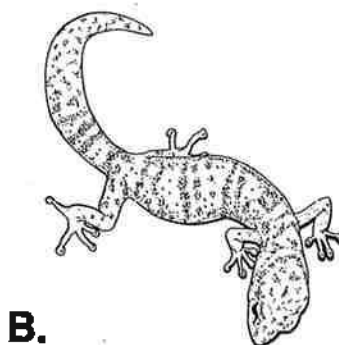
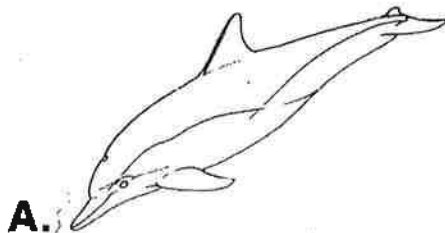
Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. What adaptation does this animal have for running and leaping?



- A. sharp claws
- B. strong legs
- C. long tail

2. Which animal has adaptations for living in water?



Complete the sentence with the correct word.

3. A shark uses its \_\_\_\_\_ to eat.
4. Birds have hollow \_\_\_\_\_ that are strong and light.

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**Write your answers below.**

**5. Vocabulary** What is an adaptation?

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**6. Reading Skill** What are two body parts that help an animal meet its needs in the air?

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**7. Conclusions** Why do different animals have different adaptations?

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