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Adaptations for Survival

Do you remember when you started school this year? You had to adapt to a new environment with new teachers, students, and rules. Just like you learn to adapt every new school year, animals learn to adapt to their environment, too.

An adaptation is a body part or behavior that helps a living thing survive.

There are two main types of adaptations:

- Physical adaptations
- Behavioral adaptations

Physical adaptations are adaptations animals use based on their physical features to help them survive in their environment. For instance, the color of an animal's fur, the shape of its teeth or beak, or its height.

Behavioral adaptations are ways that animals behave to help them survive in their environment.

There are four main ways:

1. Hibernation
2. Migration
3. Instincts
4. Learned behaviors



If the environment or climate changes dramatically and the animal can't adapt quick enough then sadly it could become extinct, or die out.

How can physical adaptations help animals survive?
