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Draw Along! Adaptations

An adaptation is something an animal has on its body or something that the animal does that helps it to survive.

Draw each adaptation as we go through the program to create your unique animal.

Adaptations

This new species is called a _____.
Species Name

My favorite adaptation it has is _____.
Adaptation

Think about your animal and what it does each day. How do its adaptations help it survive?

Use the backside of this paper to write a story or poem about how your animal spends its day.

First Name: _____Grade:_____

SUITED FOR SURVIVAL

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Pick an adaptation from each category to create your own animal.
Then draw your new species in its habitat!

Adaptations for Eating

Beak	Venom
Sharp Teeth	Flat Teeth
Sticky Tongue	Filter-Feeding

Adaptations for Moving

Wings	Flippers
Prehensile Tail	Jumping Legs
Digging Claws	Opposable Thumbs

Adaptations for Protection

Shell	Quills
Antlers	Loud Call
Roll up into a Ball	Camouflage

This new species is called a _____. It has many adaptations to help it
Species Name

survive including _____, _____, and _____.
Adaptation 1 Adaptation 2 Adaptation 3

These adaptations help this species survive in _____ habitats.
Habitat

I would feel _____ if I discovered a new species!
Emotion