

## **basic needs**

**Food, water, air, and shelter that an organism needs to survive**

## **adaptation**

**A body part or behavior that helps an organism survive**

## **natural selection**

**A process in which the best adapted organisms in an ecosystem are able to survive and produce offspring**

## **behavioral adaptation**

**Behaviors that have changed for an organism to survive**  
*ex: migration, bird calls*

## **structural adaptation**

**Physical features that have changed for an organism to survive**  
*ex: webbed feet, thick fur, beaks*

## **camouflage**

**to disguise or hide so it can blend into the surrounding environment**

## **instinct**

**A behavior that an animal begins life with**  
*ex: skunk spraying a predator*

## **hibernation**

**A dormant, inactive state in which normal body activities slow down**  
*ex: bear, skunks, bats*

**migration**

**The movement of animals from one region to another and back**  
*ex: birds migrate to the south for winter*

**learned behavior**

**A behavior that an organism doesn't begin life with**  
*ex: learning to hunt, climb, or fly*

**fossil**

**The remains or traces of a plant or an animal that lived long ago**

**extinction**

**The death of all the members of a certain group of organisms**

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