

Go, Gobble, Grab (3-5)

Animals have adaptations for specific reasons. Those reasons can include helping the animal move from place to place, enabling the animal to eat certain kinds of food, and making it easier to protect itself. In the following activity, students must decide whether the given adaptation is for movement (M), feeding (F), or protection (P).

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| 1. A butterfly has a skinny straw-shaped mouth called a proboscis. | M F P |
| 2. A porcupine is covered in long, sharp quills. | M F P |
| 3. Snakes have special scales on their belly called scutes that grip the ground. | M F P |
| 4. Cows have flat teeth that help grind grass. | M F P |
| 5. Fish have fins, birds have wings, humans have feet. | M F P |
| 6. Spider monkeys have long, slender arms and hands that can grip. | M F P |
| 7. A reindeer's hooves are wide and split down the middle. | M F P |
| 8. The edge of a toucan's beak is rough and jagged. | M F P |
| 9. A seal pup's white fur helps it blend in with the snow. | M F P |
| 10. Striped fish swim together in large schools. | M F P |

Answers

1. F
2. P
3. M
4. F
5. M
6. M
7. M
8. F
9. P
10. P