

Chapter 2 Lesson 2 Vocabulary

adaptation - a body part or behavior that helps an animal meet its needs in its environment

examples : Birds have different types of beaks based on the foods they eat.
Hollow bones keep the birds light for flight.
Hedgehogs have spines that are hairs for a prickly protection.
American bison shed their heavy winter fur in the summer.

camouflage - an animal's color or pattern that helps it blend in with its surroundings

examples : A snowshoe hare's fur turns white in the winter.
A chameleon changes its skin color to match its surroundings.
Tigers have stripes to blend in with the tall grass.
Toads have bumpy, brownish skin to look like pebbles.

mimicry - an adaptation in which an animal looks very much like another animal or an object

examples : A viceroy butterfly looks like a monarch butterfly (which tastes bad to birds).
A harmless milk snake looks like a highly poisonous coral snake.
A walking stick looks so much like a twig that birds will often overlook it.