

Behavioral and structural adaptations



Grade 3 Science Worksheet




Some animal adaptations are structural, which means that they are part of the animal's body.

Other adaptations are behavioral, which means they are things the animal does.

Put an **X** in the chart to show whether each animal adaptation is *structural* or *behavioral*.

| Trait | Structural | Behavioral |
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|  Beavers build dams to create ponds. | | |
|  Male elk bugle, or make loud sounds, to attract mates. | | |
|  Penguins have webbed feet that help them swim. | | |
|  Hawks have long, sharp talons to grab prey. | | |
|  Spiders spin webs to catch prey. | | |
|  Opossums "play dead" so predators will leave them alone. | | |
|  Some moths look just like tree bark. | | |
|  Lizards bask in the sun to get warm. | | |

Answers

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|  <p>Beavers build dams to create ponds.</p> | | X |
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|  <p>Some moths look just like tree bark.</p> | X | |
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