



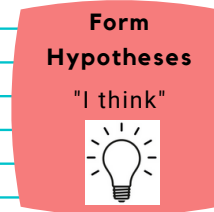
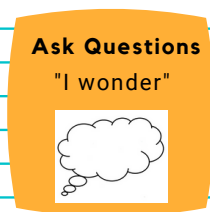
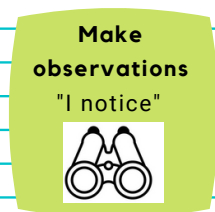
# ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

## Facilitator Guide

Thank you for joining us for a virtual program with your Los Angeles Zoo! In this program, participants will explore habitats from around the world and meet some of the amazing animals that call the Zoo. Join us as we hear from our zookeepers and see some incredible animal adaptations up close!

An **adaptation** is a special body part or behavior that helps an animal survive its habitat.

In this program, students will  
**'Think Like a Scientist'**



Want to practice? Click here to watch our [How Do You Zoo?](#) videos!

A **habitat** is a place where an animal lives. It provides the animal with food, water, & shelter.



## Pre-Visit Discussion Prompts

- How do scientists learn about animals?
- Do all animals have adaptations?
- Do you have any have adaptations?

## Post-Visit Discussion Prompts

- Which animal adaptation surprised you the most?
- What adaptations does your favorite animal have?
- What animal adaptation do you wish you had? Why?

# HOW TO NAVIGATE

Once you're ready to start, here's how it works!

1

Select the habitat you would like to explore!



## HABITAT MENU

Explore habitats from around the world. Click on the habitat you would like to explore.

2



## THINK LIKE A SCIENTIST

Spend time thinking critically about each habitat. Hover the cursor over the practice statements for prompts. Click [Continue to Animals](#) to reveal the animals who live there.

3

Meet the Australian Outback Animals



## ANIMAL MENU

Meet the animals! Spend time comparing and contrasting them. When you're ready, click on the animal you would like to hear more about.

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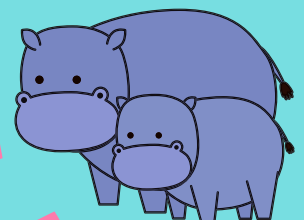


## WATCH VIDEO

Press play to watch the animal video and hear from a zookeepers as they describe some of the animal's unique adaptations.

When you're finished exploring the animals in one habitat, click [Return to Habitats](#) to keep exploring!

HAVE FUN!





# RESOURCES

Here are some additional resources to enhance your program.

## Habitats Song



## Home Sweet Habitat



## How Animals Adapt



## Living Things Change



## Reading Corner

Click to read along!

**What Do You Do  
With A Tail Like  
This?**

By: Steve Jenkins



**Welcome Home,  
Bear**

A Book of Animal Habitats

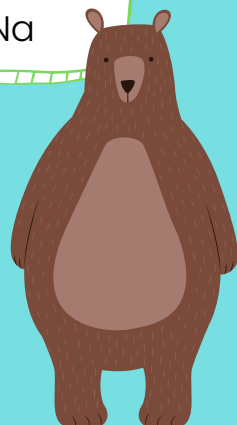
By: Il Sung Na

**Don't Laugh,  
Joe!**

By: Keiko Kasza

**What Do You Do  
When Something  
Wants To Eat You?**

By: Steve Jenkins





# ACTIVITIES

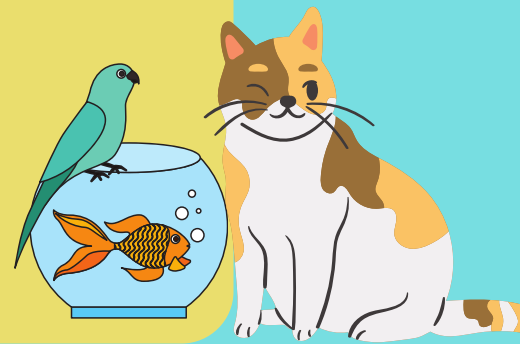


## DIY Nature Journal

Gather a few pieces of blank paper and fold them in half to create a booklet. Use this journal to record your nature observations.

## Observe at Home

Practice your observation skills at home. Spend time watching your pets or the animals outside!  
What are some things you notice?



## 👁️ 👁️ Design Your Own Animal

Pick some of your favorite animal parts and build your own super animal! Make a collage, draw, or write about your creation.

What adaptations will your animal have?

