

Essential Questions

Use these questions to generate interest in the big idea of adaptation.

- What do living things need to survive?
- How is the physical makeup of a living thing related to the way it behaves?
- How does the structure of an organism help it to survive?
- How do organisms survive in harsh or hostile environments?
- How do organisms depend on one another?
- How can organisms increase their chances of survival?
- How do plants and animals adapt to their habitats?
- How do adaptations sustain life?
- What changes in environment could result in an adaptation by a living thing?
- Why are there so many different kinds of plants and animals on Earth?
- What might happen if you introduce a new species to an environment?
- How can human behavior affect plant and animal behavior?