

Adaptations Worksheet

Match the animal with the described adaptations.

- ___ 1. We use our olfactory system to communicate with each other. We sunbath by siting in a yoga pose to warm up after a chilly night before we forage for food like leaves, flowers, and fruit.
- ___ 2. I get my water through the plants I eat because I live in dry environments. To fight others of my species, we “box” and use our large tail to keep balance so we don’t fall in one hit knockouts.
- ___ 3. I use my 6 feet tail feathers to attract mates during the spring months. My tail feathers molt every summer and become even more beautiful with each molt.
- ___ 4. Our troop uses our tail, arms, and legs to help with all forms of climbing and tree canopy maneuvering. Our name is taken from a certain type of an arachnid because of our slender body and exceptionally long arms and legs.
- ___ 5. I was thought to be extinct but a small number of me were found in the 1980s. I use my sense of smell to hunt my main source of food, prairie dogs.
- ___ 6. My enormous ears are used to aid in hunting for rodents running on the grasslands. My long legs help aid in watching above the grass line for prey like birds, as well as predators. My fur coat’s pattern often confuses people into thinking I’m a cheetah, but it is used for camouflage.
- ___ 7. Males use their antlers to compete for mating rights. We are the most vocal member of the deer family especially during mating season. We large herbivores that feed on a variety of grasses and woody plants.
- ___ 8. I use my sense of hearing and sense of smell to forage food. When I’m young I can climb trees to escape predators. I go into a dominant state that’s similar to hibernation for winter when food sources are scarce.

