

## Hidden from View



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*Camouflage is essential for survival.*

Many animals hide in a special way called **camouflage** (KAM-uh-flahzh).

## Changing Colors

Some animals, like chameleons, have skin color that can change. Those animals change their skin color to hide from their enemies. The animal's skin color changes to blend into its setting, such as a tree's bark.

## Matching Colors

Some animals, like gecko lizards, have colors that match their settings. Those animals use matching color to hide from their enemies. The animal's color matches its setting, such as snow or rock.

# Body Shape

Some animals, like katydids, have special body shapes. Their bodies can look like leaves or sticks. The animal's body shape helps it hide from its enemies.

## Fur Patterns

Some animals, like tigers, have special patterns in their fur that match their settings. The special pattern helps the animal hide from its enemies. The patterns can look like grass.

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1. How do chameleons hide from their enemies?

- A. They change their body shape.
- B. They change their skin color.
- C. They dig a tunnel for themselves.
- D. They move as little as possible.

2. Some animals hide in a special way that includes looking like what's around them.

What is that called?

- A. katydids
- B. fur patterns
- C. chameleon
- D. camouflage

3. Why is it helpful for animals when they look similar to their settings?

- A. People are less likely to kill an animal for its fur if it looks similar to its setting.
- B. Animals that resemble their settings eat more food.
- C. Most animals don't like to eat things that look like their settings.
- D. Other animals can't see them, so they can't attack or hide from them.

4. "Chameleons change their skin color to hide from their enemies."

In the sentence, the word **enemies** most nearly means

- A. animals that want to hurt them
- B. female chameleons
- C. people who take care of them
- D. friends and family members

5. The passage "Hidden from View" is mostly about

- A. colors that match
- B. animals that are like spies
- C. ways that animals hide
- D. chameleons and tigers

6. Why is it hard for a katydid's enemies to see it?
7. If an animal lived in a place that was mostly filled with green plants and brown dirt, what color skin would help it hide?
8. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

If an animal is hidden well, you won't see it \_\_\_\_\_ you look closely.

- A. because
- B. so
- C. but
- D. unless