

How Animals Stay Safe

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All animals have ways to protect themselves.

Turtles have hard shells that keep them safe. Many turtles can pull their bodies inside their shells. That makes it harder for other animals to hurt them.

Walking sticks are insects. They look like sticks. That makes them hard to see. A predator may never notice the insect.

Puffer fish can swallow a lot of water. The extra water makes them look very big. Puffer fish also have spines that can hurt predators.

Animals protect themselves in many ways. Can you think of others?

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For questions 1–4, please circle the correct answer.

1. What does a turtle have that protects it from predators?

- A) spines
- B) a hard shell
- C) good hearing

2. This text describes how some animals protect themselves from predators. How do turtles stay safe?

- A) They pull their bodies inside their shells.
- B) They swallow lots of water.
- C) They look like sticks.

3. This text is about how different animals protect themselves from predators. The text says that walking sticks look like sticks. That makes them hard to see. How might this help the walking sticks?

- A) If the walking stick looks like a tree, it doesn't need to build a house.
- B) The walking stick's predators won't hurt the walking stick because they won't notice it.
- C) Looking like a stick can help the walking stick find new food.

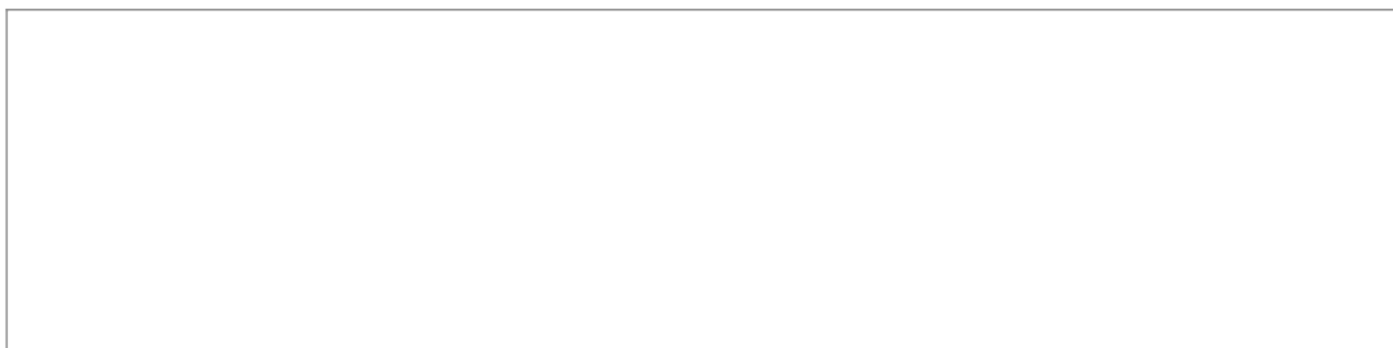
4. What is “How Animals Stay Safe” mostly about?

- A) food that animals eat to stay healthy
- B) things that animals do to protect themselves from predators
- C) how turtles use their shells to protect themselves from predators

5. What does a puffer fish do to make itself look very big?

To make itself look very big, a puffer fish

6. Draw a puffed up puffer fish.



8. Class Discussion Question: Discuss how swallowing lots of water helps a puffer fish protect itself from enemies.