



Animal Camouflage

(answer sheet)



What is animal camouflage?

- A. the ability to blend into its surroundings
- B. the ability to stand out
- C. clothing an animal wears to look different



Why does an animal have camouflage?

- A. to hide from predators
- B. to be concealed from prey
- C. all of the above

Match the animal to the surroundings that its camouflage mimics.

- C Lion
- F Boreal Owl
- E Polar Bear
- B Chameleon
- G Snapping Turtle
- A Black Leopard
- D Viper



- A. Nighttime
- B. Anything
- C. Tall brown grass
- D. Dead leaves
- E. Snow
- F. Tree
- G. Rocks

True or False

- T The arctic fox changes the color of its coat depending on the season.
- T As a fish swims from place to place, it releases hormones that change its body's color to match its surroundings.
- F The color of an animal is its only method of camouflage. (F-the pattern also matters, as does its surroundings and what it can use, ie. leaves, sand, etc.)
- T An animal may camouflage itself by mimicking a larger predator's look.
- F Camouflage does not help an animal to survive. (F-it is highly desirable for natural selection)
- F An animal's camouflage stays the same from one environment to the next, even if the environment is completely different. (F-an animal's camouflage is largely based on the immediate environment and can change when the environment does)