



Clever camouflaged creatures

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Help! How do creatures camouflage themselves?

I know that clever creatures use camouflage to save themselves from danger. They are hard to see even though they are not hiding underneath anything – just like Wally in the Where's Wally books! But what I want to know is how do they do it? Can you help me?

Confused Corina



Camouflaged zebra ▲



Talk about



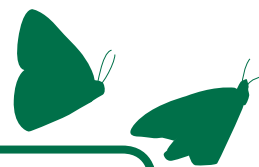
You need a brown or grey butterfly shape and a piece of white string so that you can start exploring your ideas. Try putting each of them in different places.

- ★ Where are they difficult to see?
Why do you think that is?
- ★ Where can they be seen very easily?
Why do you think that is?
- ★ Can you do other things to help to camouflage them?

★ Your challenge

Help Corina to find out how different creatures are camouflaged by playing the Clever Camouflage Game.





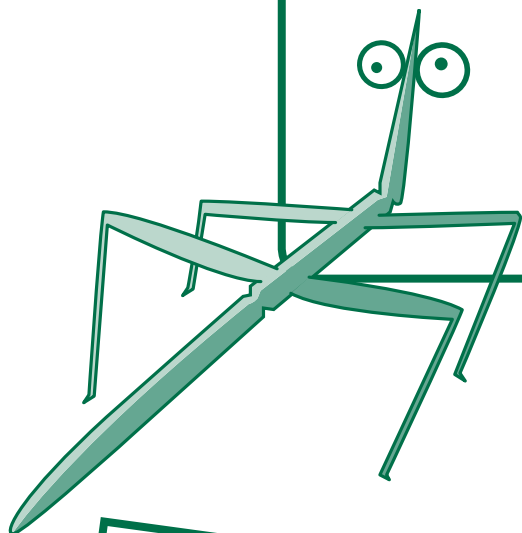
★ Here are some ideas to get you started

★ Some animals, such as snakes, use patterns to hide. Others, like stick insects, use their shape to try to stay hidden. There are other ways of camouflaging as well.

★ What if you change the colour of things? What about their shape?

★ Can you see a pattern that might help?

★ Are some places better than others?



★ Now you can play the Clever Camouflage Game

★ You have things to hide but you are not allowed to cover them up. You don't have very much time. Where will it be best to hide them? Will anyone be able to find them?

★ Sharing your ideas

You could take photographs to send to Corina or put a message on the website.



Congratulations!

You are a clever camouflager.

Collect your stickers and get ready for your next challenge.

★ Here are some extra challenges

- ★ Find out more about creatures that use camouflage and why.
- ★ You could make a poster showing creatures using different types of camouflage.
- ★ Find out why some female animals are better camouflaged than males.

