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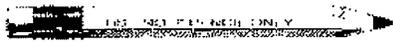
**Writing Topic:**

**Write an informational paper explaining how camouflage and vision work together to help animals survive in their environments. Be sure to use information from both passages in your paper.**

Have you ever seen a butterfly or a frog and wondered how it survives in this cruel, harsh world? Well, it's because they have some tricks to help them out! Animals use camouflage and special vision to keep themselves alive. Today I learned that those tricks both work together to help the animals.

Squirrels, zebras, polar bears, and other animals all use camouflage to survive. They look like things in nature. It's almost like they're invisible! Animals use camouflage to hide from predators, and to hunt their prey. I remember one time when I was little, I asked my mom why the army wore camouflage clothing. She told me that it was to hide from the enemies. I feel like that's exactly what animals do!

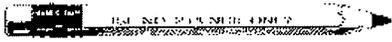
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Snakes, butterflies, and goats, use vision to help them survive. Most animals with special vision can see all around themselves. Others, like the snake, can see heat. Imagine just looking out your window to check the temperature! Frogs have two eyelids to help them see underwater, like built-in goggles. Owls have good vision, but can't move their eyes. That's why they can turn their heads all the way around. This helps them stay aware of others.

Vision and camouflage both work together by keeping animals from going extinct. The animals that have gone extinct, probably didn't have camouflage or good vision. I noticed that the cuttlefish has both! That's probably why they are still alive today. Also, if animals didn't have these tricks, the food chain would get messed up. Animals would go extinct, and their predators would starve. Their prey would really increase, and it



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all be a big, huge mess!

Now you know why and how ~~most~~ animals survive. I hope that in a million years, all species are still alive. I hope the lions are still roaring, and the dogs are still barking. So next time you see an animal, remember that it might not survive without some very special tricks to help them out!

I&D Score Point 4

- Content is appropriate for audience and purpose.
- Topic is clear and fully developed; addresses how camouflage and vision work together.
- Writer summarizes and paraphrases information.
- Topic is consistently sustained throughout the composition.

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Animals have different types of ways to survive. Some might be able to see other things can't, or disguise themselves so other animals can't see them. All these abilities help animals survive. For instance, a chameleon can change into the color of its environment. Those kinds of abilities help save all kinds of animals.

With disguises, animals have different ways of changing. A cuttle fish can flex its muscles and change color. Nudi branches eat coral and change to the color of the coral. Some animals have design that help them hide. Zebra Zebras can trick lions into thinking they're a big animal by being in a group.

Other animals use shape and vision

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to help them survive. The hawk moth caterpillar looks like a snake head so it won't be bothered. Also, katydids look like leaves so they won't be noticed. Some animals can see things humans can't. Specific kinds of snakes can even see heat.

Other animals can turn their heads or eyes backward. Frogs can actually buldge their eyes out. Frogs also have two sets of eye lids. One set is clear so the frog can see underwater. Chameleons and cuttle fish can look in two directions at once. But owls can turn their heads almost completely around.

All animals have different kinds of abilities. Some might be able to use camouflage, and some might be able to use speed or sight. They all know how to protect themselves in different ways. Their abilities

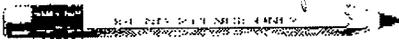
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are what help them survive. And in conclusion,  
I think those abilities are fascinating.

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Score Point 3

Content is largely appropriate for the audience and purpose.  
Topic is stated and partially developed using text-based facts, concrete details and examples.  
Writer attempts to summarize/paraphrase information.  
Topic is sustained throughout the composition.



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Animals change colors to hide from their predators, they can also have camouflage to blend in with their surroundings.

One reason why animals change color is to hide from their predators. First, they hide so they won't get killed or eaten by another animal. Second is so they can blend in or not get spotted. Thirdly, is some animals could try to blend in with their surroundings so they won't get spotted. Animals, fish, insects or other living things could blend in with their surroundings.

Another reason why animals do this is to be camouflage with surroundings. First, they can change to

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different colors to blend in with other objects such as trees or tall grass. Second, they can change shapes. They could blend in with a tree, they could also blend in with a branch or twig on the tree. Thirdly, some can make they're self look like almost everything around them. They could make there selfs look like trees, grass or plants.

Thirdley why blending in with stuff is so cool because they could have different designs. First, some animals have stripes so they could blend in with tall grass. Secondly, zebras could blend in with other zebras so predators will think all the zebras are one big predator, so they will get scared. Third, white d color

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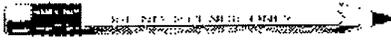
bears could blend in with they're snowy surrounding to sneak up on their predators.

Finally, animals change color because of predators. They also are cool because of they're camoflodge. Thirdly, they are unquie because they can change into different shapes.

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Score Point 2

Content is limited; writer refers to just one of the passages.  
Limited development; uses few specific examples (polar bears and zebras).



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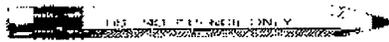
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Seeing animals differently and animals in disguise are different.

Because animals in disguise skin change ~~colors~~ during the year but seeing animal differently do not change colors never. Plus animals in disguise form of camouflage help animals survive but seeing animals differently want them to help them survive during the year.

Do you know what's the same from seeing animals and animal in disguise? Other animals can see light that is invisible to human just like animals in disguise they are



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~~They are the same as~~ Seeing animals differently  
in the night.

But the most important thing is that seeing animals differently and animals in disguise are different because animals in disguise skin change colors during the year but seeing animals differently do not change colors never. And why are they the same because other animals can see light that is invisible to humans.

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Score Point 1

Topic is unclear and is not developed.

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