

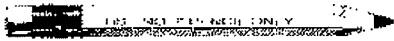
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Writing Topic:

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.

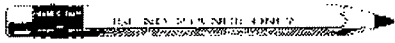
Squirrels, zebras, polar bears, and other animals all use camouflage to survive. They look like things in nature. It's almost like they're invisible! Animals use camouflage to hide from predators, and to hunt their prey. I remember one time when I was little, I asked my mom why the army wore camouflage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

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Score Point 4

Introduction is engaging and presents a clear topic.

Text-based facts, details and examples are presented in well-executed progression.

Transitions are appropriate and clearly link ideas.

Conclusion flows from the information presented.

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Animals survive in many ways.

Animals survive in many ways. Three ways animals survive are by using its color, its eyesight, and its shape. By camouflaging themselves, they can stay hidden from their predators.

First, one way animals can survive is by using color. Cuttlefish can camouflage their skin. There are several small blobs on the cuttlefish. When the cuttlefish flexes its muscles, the blobs get bigger and camouflage the skin. When the cuttlefish relaxes its muscles the blobs shrink so small you can't see them.

Another reason animals survive is by using eyesight. Frogs eyes bulge out so that they can see above water. Frogs have two sets of eyelids. One set of eyelids are clear. When frogs go underwater they close their eyes and the clear set of eyelids shields their eyes, yet they can see.

Also, animals can survive by using their shape. The hawk moth caterpillar has a head like a snake. The

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head scares off predators. Katydid's look like leaves on a tree. When a predator walks by a tree and a katydid is there, the katydid changes shape. A predator can walk right pass a katydid if its in the shape of a leaf.

So you can see, three ways animals survive are by using its color, its eyesight, and its shape. Sometimes animals camouflage for protection from predators, or sometimes they use camouflage for communication. That is why they are nicknamed masters of disguise.

OUC Score Point 3

Introduction and topic are evident.
Transitions link ideas
Conclusion is apparent

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Camouflage can help animals from predators by blending in to stuff like grass, snow, bark, and, rock. Some animals eat stuff like coral and turn into that color of the coral and the animal that can do that is a nudibranch but it only works on some predators. Squirrels have rough fur so they would be good for blending into tree bark and some insects have smooth shells so they would be good for leaves.

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Vision is also helpful for animals because some animals can change their shape of their eye which can let them see right behind them. Some animals or insects can change their shape so the predators will leave them alone like a caterpillar can look like a snake head and a katydid uses a similar trick to look just like some leaves so the predator will leave it alone.

OUC Score Point 2

Introduction is incomplete.
Transitions are limited.
No conclusion.

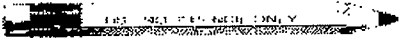
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Any other animal have their own surviving way. Just like ~~litter~~ animals they have another animal that eats them. Just like zebras and lions. Lions eat zebras because they have meat. And lions are cats and cats are meat eaters. But zebras have skills they could blend in to something that has black and white. And the lion will pass by and they don't even notice.

Ok ~~at~~ was talking about blend in now im about to talk about vision. And frogs and alligators have the same vision they could see under water and outside water. But the predator the alligator could eat frogs but frog could be lucky because they have the same vision that alligators have. So when alligators try



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to sneak up on frog. Frog could see them with their vision they could escape lucky they have their own vision. If they didn't they will not survive. Camouflage is a word that is trick hide from any other animal. Like peacocks they are little and motion. And peacocks a tiger would want to eat it like its prey. So the peacock could trick them by opening its feathers it makes them look large.

OUC Score Point 1

Lacks logical direction.
No evidence of organizational structure.