

Grade 5 WRITING Section 1

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 these 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!

S&P Score Point 4

Rich variety of sentence structure, type, and length.
Evidence of appropriate paragraphing.

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Animals use camouflage and vision to help them survive. There are many different ways animals camouflage and see. Here are some ways they do it.

In the story "Seeing Animals Differently" it said that goats could almost see behind themselves. A goat would need to see a wolf sneaking up behind them. In the story "Animals in Disguise" it said that squirrels have rough and uneven fur so they can blend in with tree bark. Squirrels need to blend in with trees so a bobcat doesn't see them while he is walking along

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the creek looking for dinner. They need both vision and sight to survive. What good would it do them if they could see the predator coming but couldn't use camouflage to hide from it. What good would it do them if they couldn't see the predator until it was too late to camouflage themselves. A predator needs to be able to see their prey coming so they can hide.

Those are some reasons why sight and camouflage are important to animals.

S&P Score Point 3
Variety of sentence structure, type, and length.
Evidence of paragraphing.

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Camouflage and vision help.

Camouflage and vision help animals together. Camouflage blinds in. Vision help you see better.

Camouflage helps animals. Camouflage is with fur dills to help animals. texture, design, color, and shape. Camouflage helps around there surrounding.

Vision help animals. Vision help animals see better, at night, but some animals don't have the special vision. Instead they have unusual eye features that help them survive.

Camouflage and vision helping animals. Some animals need both

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camouflage and vision to help them survive. Camouflage and vision make it better for the animals. There is many ways camouflage and vision help animals. Seeing better at night, Being desised better too. Vision and camouflage is a big help for animals. Camouflage and vision is a good thing for animals.

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Score Point 2

Limited variety of sentence structure, type, and length.
Several fragments

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Animals survive because of
there camouflage and vision.
They use camouflage
to blend in. With there
surroundings like a squirrel.

It blends in with tree
bark. When it hides
in trees it is actually
kinda hard to see.
really hard it is kinda cool

and polar bears blend
in with the snow.
I makes it hard to

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See. It is also easy to
catch prey.

Some animals have very
very good vision goats
can see with out
moving its head
how cool is that

S&P Score Point 1

Many fragments and run-ons.