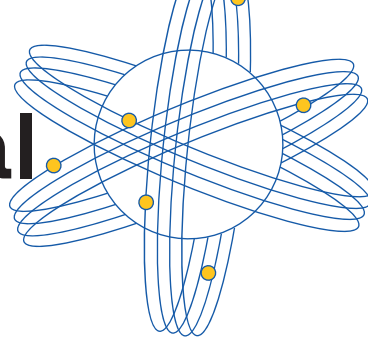


Create an Animal.



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The animal world is incredibly resourceful and adaptable. Every limb, organ, leaf, antenna, and hair follicle serve a specific purpose to create a multi-faceted machine that is optimised for a productive life. Animals have developed these characteristics over time so that they can thrive in their habitats.

In this activity you'll create your own animal, designing its own adaptations that help it to survive its habitat and conditions. You'll need to consider many options, drawing inspiration from the countless examples all around us.

TĪMATA! LET'S GET STARTED!

What you will need:

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Purpose and Connection

The lives of animals around us are stories of hardship, survival and adaptation. In this activity, you explored how animals flourish in both harsh and hospitable environments by creating a narrative about your chosen animal.

Connecting with the natural world helps us understand its complexity, appreciate the importance of every living thing, and recognise our role in protecting the habitats we all share. By understanding these connections, we can become better stewards of our planet.

Extra for Experts!

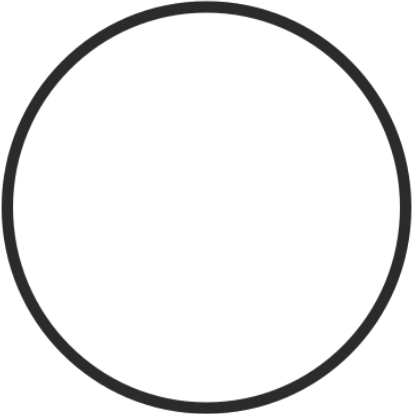
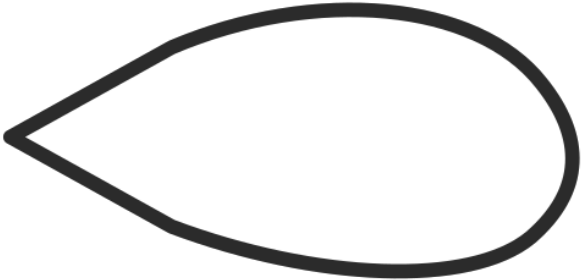
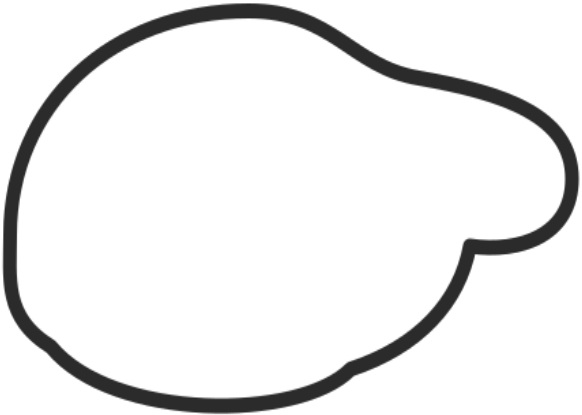
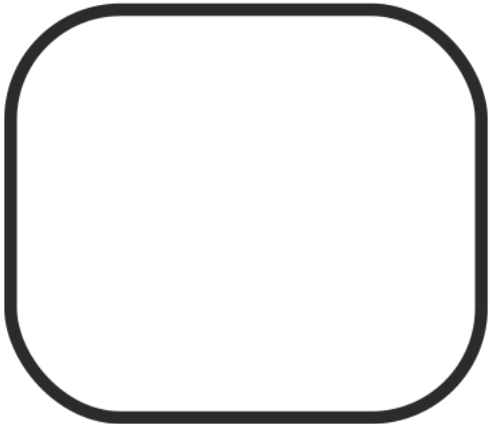
Think deeper about adaptations that can help your animal thrive in a changing world. What if the tree your animal lives in gets chopped down? What if the water your sea creature swims in becomes polluted? How will your animal protect itself from these changing settings? How will it find a way to survive, and even thrive in a changing world?

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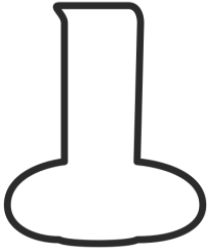
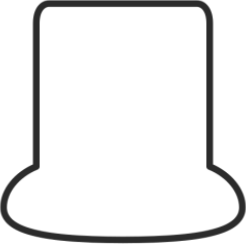
Design your own made-up animal from mix and match parts.

1. Draw body and choose parts Freehand draw your body, then select your favourite head, legs, tail, ears and extras.	2. Cut each piece out along the lines.	3. Colour every piece however you like. Go wild!	4. Glue your pieces together on the assembly page to meet your new creature.
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HEADS *pick one*

 Round	 Reptile
 Snout	 Bear

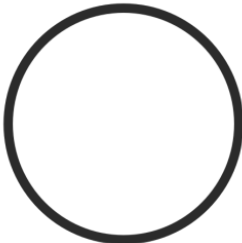
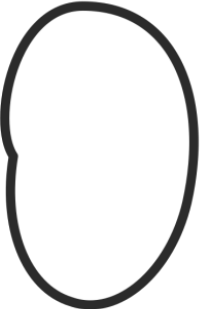
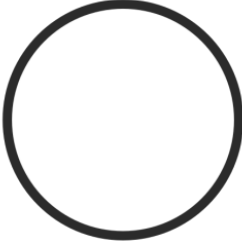
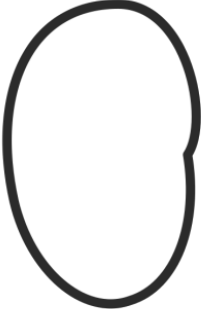
LEGS *pick a style & cut 2 to 4 copies (photocopy the sheet for more)*

 Mammal	 Bird	 Elephant	 Flamingo
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TAILS *pick one*

 Curly	 Long	 Fluffy	 Fish Fin
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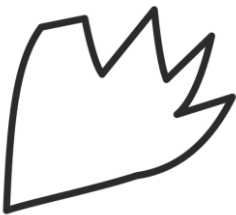
EARS *pick a style & cut 2 (or 4, or none!)*

 Mouse	 Rabbit	 Pointy	 Floppy
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WINGS & HORNS *optional extras*



Bird Wing



Bat Wing



Horn



Antenna

FISH PARTS *for underwater beasts*



Caudal Fin



Dorsal Fin



Side Fin



Gills

FACE EXTRAS *eyes, nose & mouth*



Big Eyes



Small Eyes



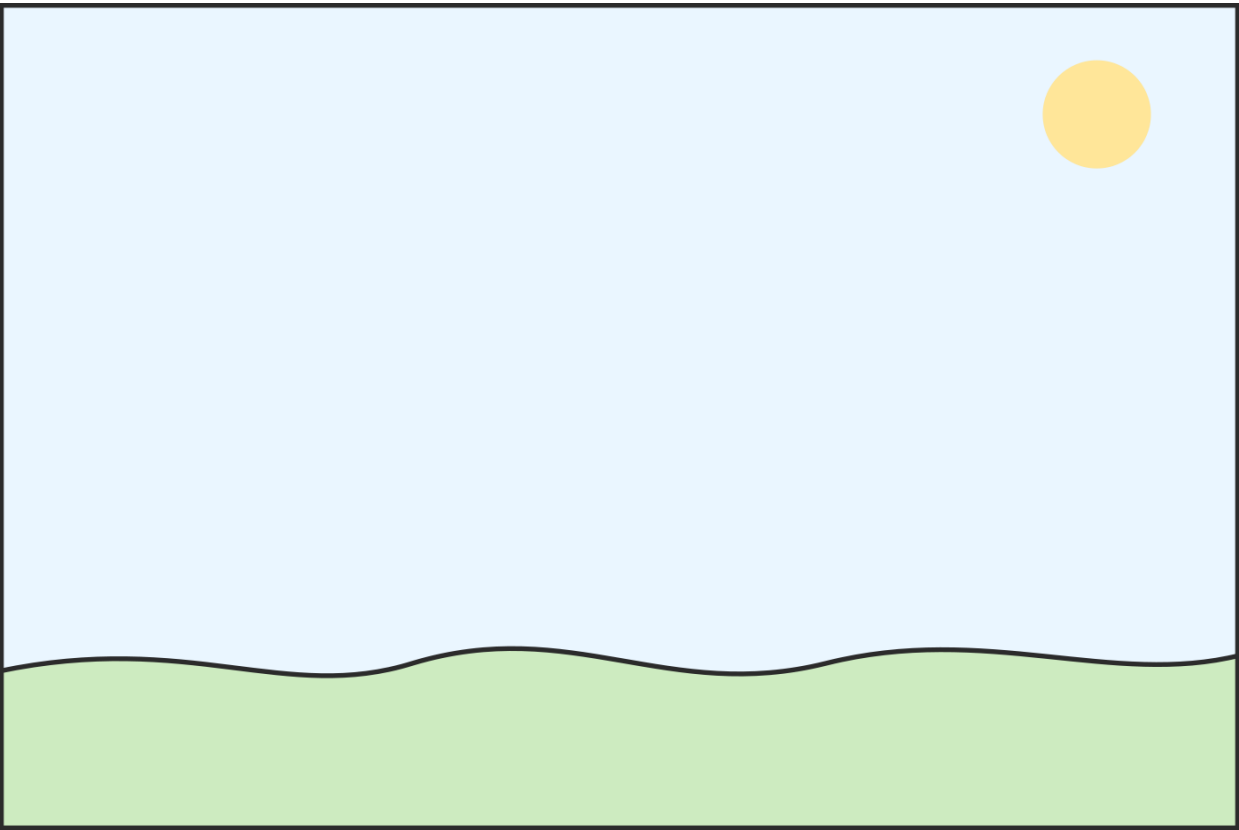
Nose



Smile

Meet My Animal!

Glue your favourite pieces below to bring your creature to life, then fill in its details.



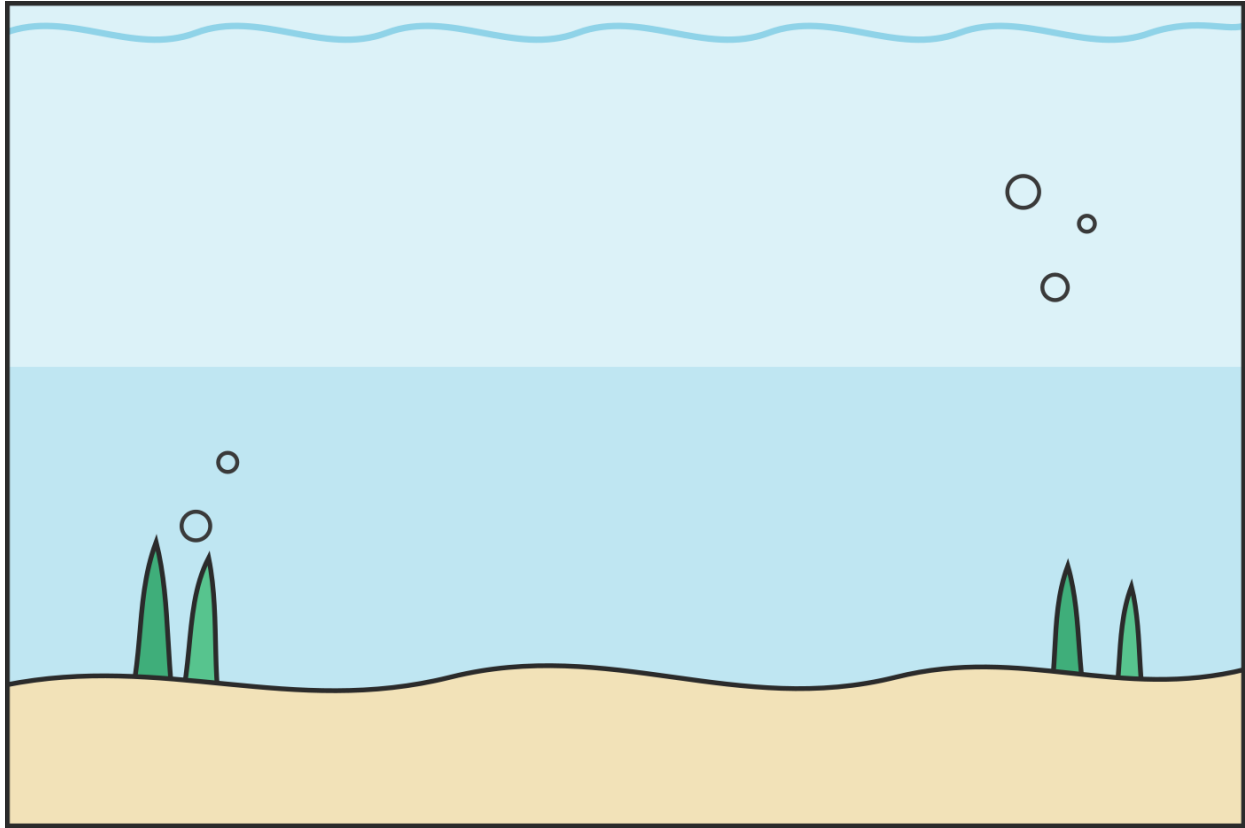
↓ glue your finished animal onto the scene above ↓

My animal's name: _____	Type of animal: _____
Where it lives: _____	What it eats: _____
Its special power: _____	How it moves: _____

Tell me more about your animal:

Meet My Sea Creature!

Making a fish or ocean beast? Glue it into this underwater scene instead.



↓ glue your finished sea creature onto the scene above ↓

My animal's name: _____	Type of fish/animal: _____
How deep it swims: _____	What it eats: _____
Its special power: _____	How it moves: _____

Tell me more about your sea creature:
