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## Background knowledge

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## Science activity

Look at the pictures. Explain how each animal is adapted to its habitat.



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A mole burrows in dark underground tunnels.

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## Science investigation

Go on your own “safari.” Make a list of animals found in your area. Take pictures of these animals or find pictures of them. Place these pictures on a poster and tell how each is adapted to its environment.





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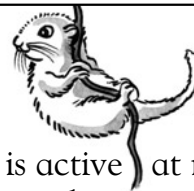
A desert fox lives in hot, dry places.  
short fur keeps it cool; its large  
ears help it to lose heat



A mole burrows in dark  
underground tunnels.  
long claws help it dig; tiny eyes, as  
it doesn't need to see in the dark



An arctic fox lives in cold places.  
long fur keeps it warm; small  
ears prevent heat loss



A dormouse is active at night – it  
climbs shrubs and trees.  
large eyes help it to see at night;  
a long tail helps it balance