

MASTERS OF DISGUISE

Blending in to your surroundings is called **camouflage** (cam-uh-flahj—rhymes with garage). Hiding is a useful survival strategy for many animals.

PRACTICE:

Can you match each animal to its photo?

A dead leaf butterfly

B ghost crab

C arctic fox

D thorn bug

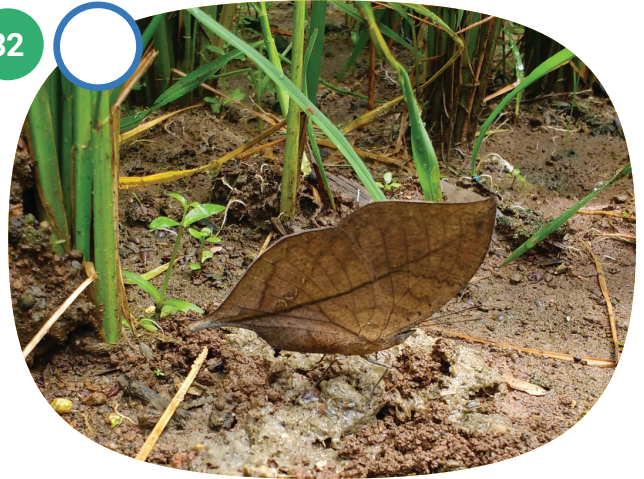
E common octopus

F mossy frog

G ornate ghost pipefish

H copperhead snake

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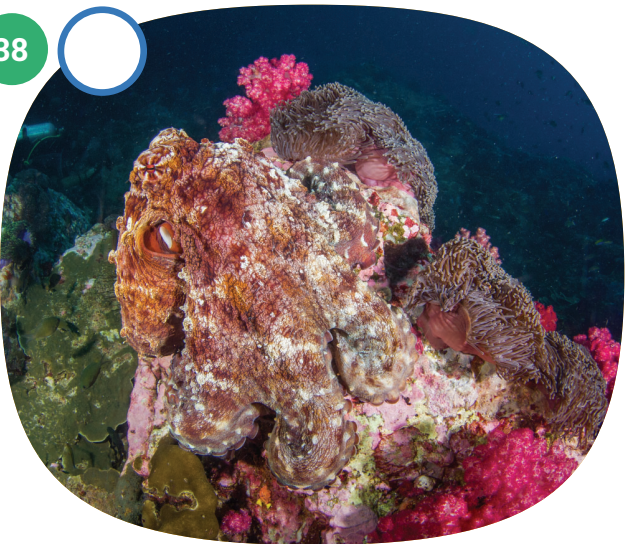
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DISCUSSION:

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How does looking like a flower help this orchid mantis catch insects?



BUILD A BEAST

Use your imagination and what you've learned about adaptations to build a beast and describe how it would survive in its habitat.

PLAY:

For each category below, roll a 6-sided die and mark the results by circling the number that matches your roll.



ROLL 1. My beast moves using its...

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|---|--------|---|-------|---|-------------|
| 1 | hooves | 2 | wings | 3 | tentacles |
| 4 | fins | 5 | claws | 6 | webbed feet |

ROLL 2. The number of limbs my beast has is...

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|---|-----|---|-------|---|------|
| 1 | two | 2 | four | 3 | five |
| 4 | six | 5 | eight | 6 | ten |

ROLL 3. The color of my beast is...

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|---|-------|---|-------|---|--------|
| 1 | green | 2 | blue | 3 | gray |
| 4 | brown | 5 | white | 6 | orange |

ROLL 4. My beast's body is covered with...

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|---|--------------|---|-----------------|---|--------------|
| 1 | a hard shell | 2 | sleek scales | 3 | thick fur |
| 4 | smooth skin | 5 | glossy feathers | 6 | sharp spikes |

ROLL 5. My beast is known for its incredible...

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|---|--------|---|-------|---|-------------|
| 1 | hooves | 2 | wings | 3 | tentacles |
| 4 | fins | 5 | claws | 6 | webbed feet |

PRACTICE:

Answer each question below about your cool creature.



JOURNAL:

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Draw your beast in your journal. Use the results from the previous page.

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Does your beast live on land, in the water, or both? How does it move around?

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What does your beast eat? How does it get its food?

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What does your beast protect itself from—predators, harsh weather, or something else? How does it protect itself?

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Explain how the color of your beast helps it survive.