

Adapting to their environment

As in all parts of the world, animals are adapted to their environment.

One of the most interesting animals in a rainforest is a chameleon.

Here is a picture of a chameleon:




Can you explain how it is adapted to catch its insect food? Talk about its colour, its eyes, its tongue and how it moves.

















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There are more adaptations in a tropical rainforest than anywhere else.

The chameleon has many adaptations which are fascinating to children:

it remains motionless

it swivels its eyes

it is camouflaged

it has a lightning-fast long sticky tongue

Talk about how adaptation is both for attack and defence. Chameleons are food for snakes and other lizards, so the camouflage helps, as do the rotating eyes. Many animals look for movement, so being absolutely motionless helps, too.