Animal Survival

All animals need food, water, oxygen, safe shelter, and the right body temperature to stay alive. Some animals have special body parts that help them meet their need for food, water, and the right body temperature.

Food

Many animals have special mouth or head parts that help them get food. For example, this woodpecker uses its long beak to get under a tree’s bark. Then it can eat the bugs that live there.

Water

Some animals have special body parts that help them get water. The camel, for example, does not sweat much even in desert heat. This is because it saves water in its tissues, which are cells that form part of the body. That is why a camel can go without drinking water for nearly a month.

Reading Tip

Before you read, preview the article. Here’s how:

• Read the title and the headings.
• Look at the photos.
• Read the introduction.
• Say to yourself, “This article will be about . . .”
• After you read, see if your predictions were correct.
**Temperature**

Some animals have long coats that keep them warm in cold temperatures. The yak lives high in the mountains in Tibet, a country in Asia. It needs its woolly coat to keep warm.

**Did You Know?**  
An elephant uses its trunk to feed itself, squirt water in its mouth, and spray itself with cool water.
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Fill in the circle next to the best answer.

1. Special mouth or head parts help some animals ________ .
   A) sleep at night  
   B) get food  
   C) hide from their enemies  
   D) stay warm

2. It’s important for a camel to save water in its body because ________ .
   A) it lives in the desert, where there is little water to drink  
   B) it never gets thirsty  
   C) it only likes to drink water once in a while  
   D) it doesn’t need water to live

3. Yaks live in a place that is ________ .
   A) warm  
   B) hot and wet  
   C) a jungle  
   D) cold

4. A tree’s bark is its ________ .
   A) branches  
   B) covering  
   C) sound  
   D) leaves

5. Find the sentence in the article that tells three ways an elephant’s trunk helps the elephant survive. Write the three ways here.
   1. ________________________________________________
   2. ________________________________________________
   3. ________________________________________________
What Does It Do?

Complete the chart using facts from the article.

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Write About It

Find out about other animals, such as a bat, an anteater, or a giraffe, with body parts that help them meet their needs. Add the information to the chart.