

# SPECIAL ADAPTATIONS



1. I am an animal that hunts at night:

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2. I am a predator and I eat meat:



3. I live in a colony:

4. I live and travel in a school:

5. I have another animal's name as a part of my name:

Why do you think I am named after this other animal?

6. Look closely! I am an animal that blends into where I live:

What do you call this type of adaptation?

7. I am a fish that can make noises and sounds:

8. I am very bright and colorful:

Why do you think that I have such bright colors?

9. I am a tree that can grow in saltwater:



10. I don't eat meat, I eat plants:

11. I have hair, so I am a mammal:

12. I live in the water, but can breathe air:

13. I live in the water on the sandy bottom:

14. Be careful of me! I can sting!

15. Look inside! I have a shell:



16. I can change my colors:

17. Watch out! I am poisonous!

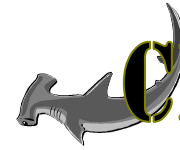
18. Can you see me? I like to hide in rock crevices or burrow into the sand:

19. I can create electricity with my body:

20. I don't have any teeth at all, but I still eat meat! Who am I?

21. I live on land, but I have to stay wet:

22. I live on land but I hunt in the water:



# CHALLENGE QUESTIONS!

23. Why am I called the "four eye fish"?



24. Why do people think that I am sick or dying when they see me?

25. I am a fish with disruptive coloration. I have stripes or bars on my body that also cover my eyes. Why?

26. Can you name 3 animals in the Aquarium that are used for medicine?



27. Can you name 3 animals (that are not fish) in the Aquarium that are considered to be delicacies in other countries?

28. Why should people protect and conserve biodiversity in nature?

29. Can you list 5 things you can do everyday at home to help protect animals and the environment?



30. What was your favorite animal at the Aquarium and why?

# BIODIVERSITY

## SCAVENGER HUNT

**Biodiversity.** What does it mean?

Biodiversity is really *variety*; variety among (and within) plant and animal species in an environment. It has been referred to as our "planetary insurance policy".

In other words, the more varied the genetic "blueprints" on our planet, the more likely that life on Earth will find a way to survive by adapting to changes that will occur over the course of time.

It is wise for we humans to protect the rich and largely unexplored biodiversity found on Earth and in the ocean.

This **SCAVENGER HUNT** will help you appreciate this incredible diversity. As you tour the Aquarium, try to find a different animal for each of the descriptions below. Be sure to read the graphics and signs at each exhibit, and ask our friendly and knowledgeable volunteers and staff if needed.

Remember, there may be more than one right answer for each description and you may not use the same answer more than once! Good Luck!



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# RIVER HUNT

**The Amazing Amazon vs. The Mighty Mississippi**

The two largest river systems in the Americas have a tremendous impact on the species and habitats that depend on them.

Can you compare these two rivers? Find the answers to the clues below then list five facts about each. How are they different? How are they similar? Which one do you think is better. Why?

## The Amazing Amazon

1. I am a colorful bird and the largest in my family:

2. I am a fish that can "fly or leap out of water to catch insects for food:

3. I am a fish with thick and tough protective scales and long ago, natives used my skin as armor:

FACTS:

Which do you think is better and why?

## The Mighty Mississippi

1. I am a predacious bird with very strong claws:

2. I am a fish that has electromagnetic sensors in my long snout:

3. We were explorers that were given a mission to catalog the variety of animals and plants after the Louisiana Purchase:

FACTS: