

# Create a Mammal!

An **adaptation** is a special body part or special behavior that helps an animal find food, defend itself, move around, and survive in a certain environment. **Mammals** have many different kinds of ears, noses, limbs, tails, behaviors, and other adaptations that help them survive in their habitats.

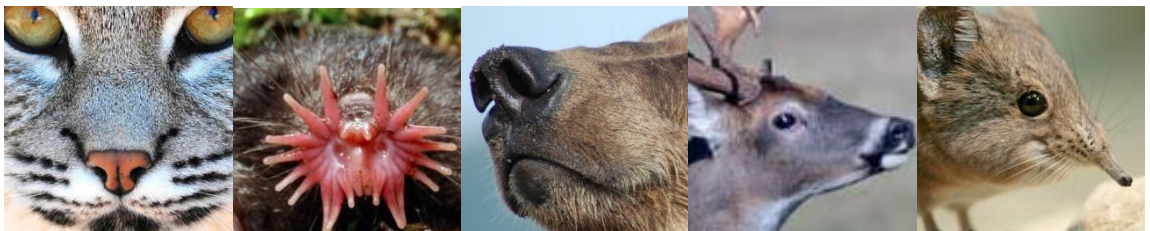
For this activity, you will create a brand new species of mammal! Below are examples of different mammal adaptations, as well as questions to think about before creating this new mammal species and drawing a picture of it on the next page.

- **Where does it live?** Out at sea, near ponds, high up on rocky cliffs, deep in the forest, in burrows underground, or somewhere completely different?
- **What adaptations does it have?** How does the shape of its ears, nose, limbs, and tail help it survive in its habitat?
- **What does it eat?** Seeds, insects, berries, fish, other animals?
- How do the **colors or patterns of its fur** help it camouflage in its habitat?
- Will it live here in California year-round, or does it need to travel greater distances?

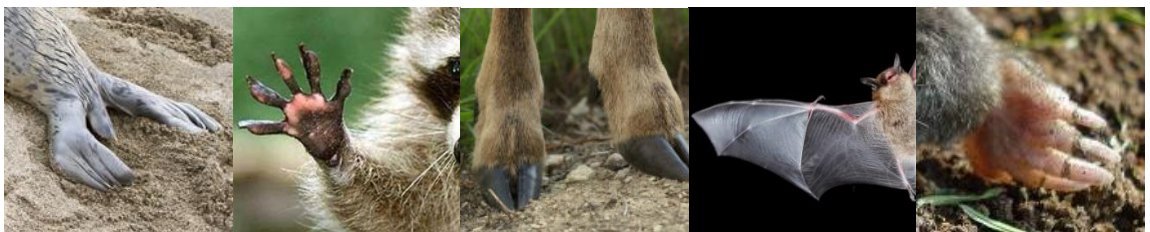
## Ears!



## Noses!



## Limbs!

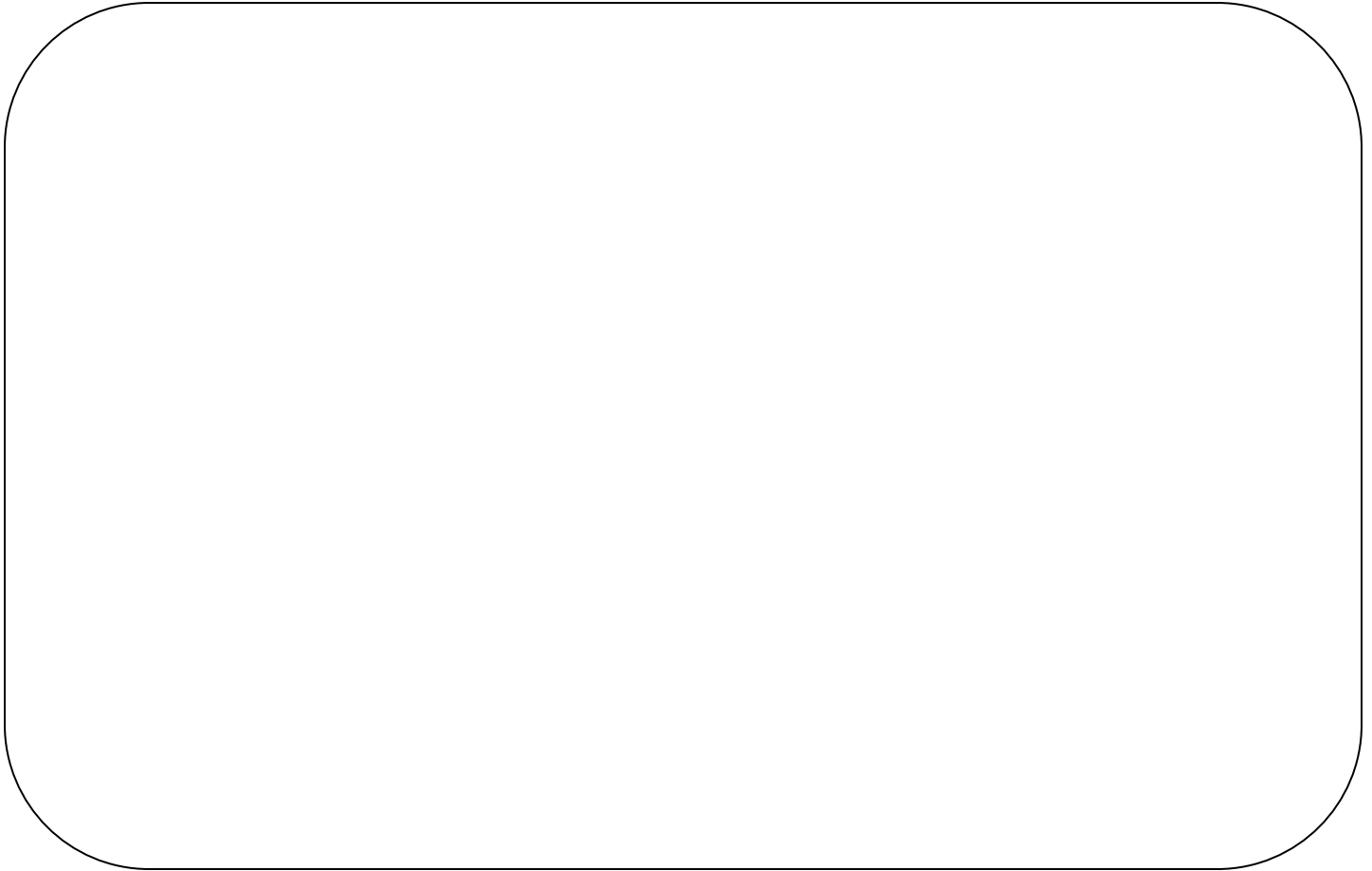


## Tails!



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# Now Share Your New Mammal With The World!



Name your mammal! \_\_\_\_\_

What habitat does your mammal live in? \_\_\_\_\_

How does your mammal defend itself? \_\_\_\_\_

What adaptations does your mammal have to help it live in its habitat?

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Is your mammal a...      **CARNIVORE**      **HERBIVORE**      **OMNIVORE**

**INSECTIVORE**      **SCAVENGER**



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