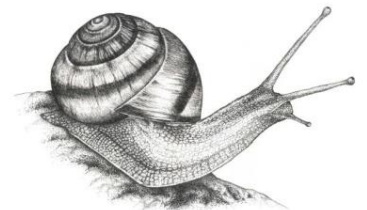
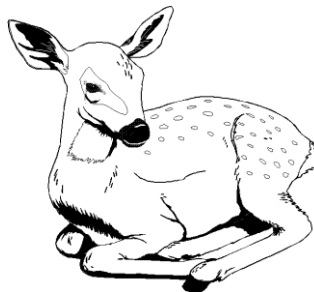
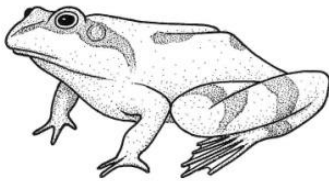
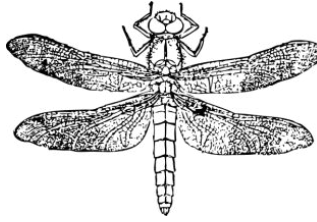


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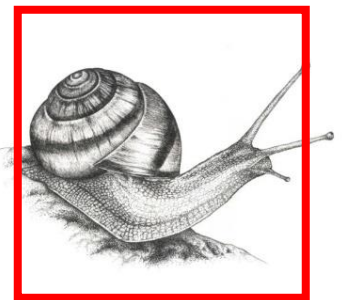
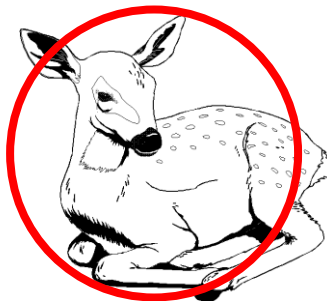
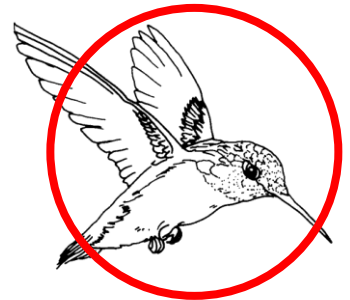
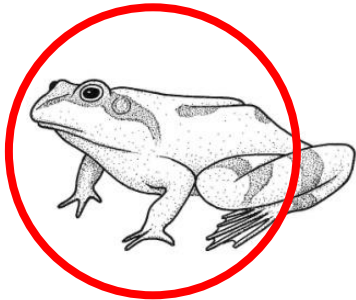
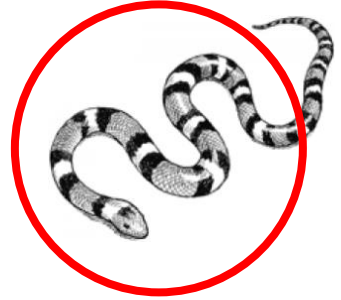
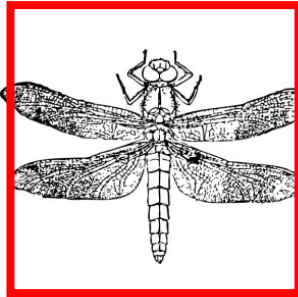
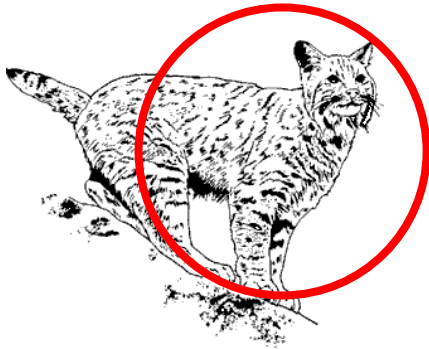


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Student answers will vary. A backbone helps hold the body upright so animals can walk, like humans!