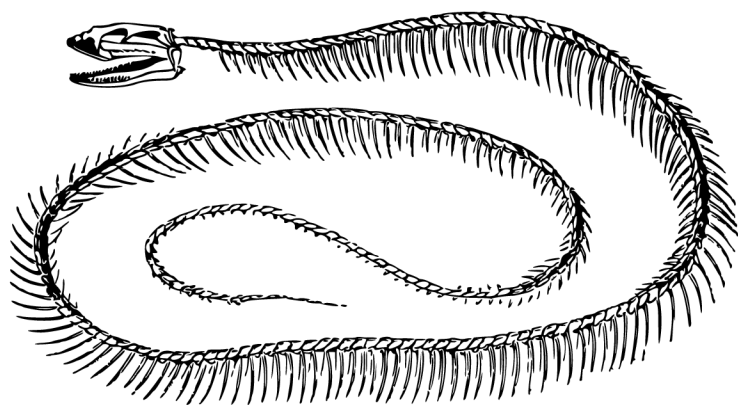


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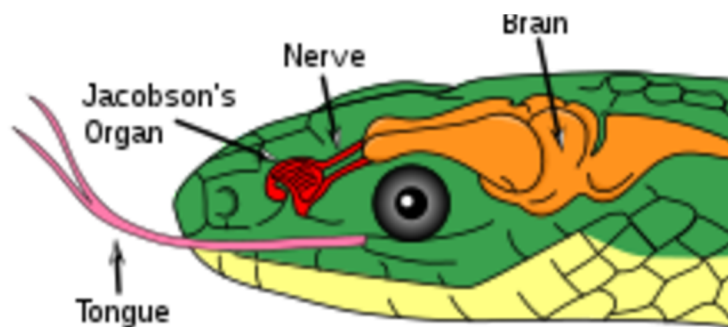
An **adaptation** is a characteristic or behavior that helps an animal to survive. Read about the adaptations snakes have to help them survive.

Snakes' jaws are adapted to open up-and-down and side-to-side to help them swallow prey. They can eat animals as big around as the thickest part of their body. Their jaws are separated at the bottom to help them stretch open side-to-side.



Snakes have an amazing skeleton. Their body has ribs from their neck all the way to their tail. These ribs are slightly flexible, so when a snake has a large meal, their body can stretch to accommodate.

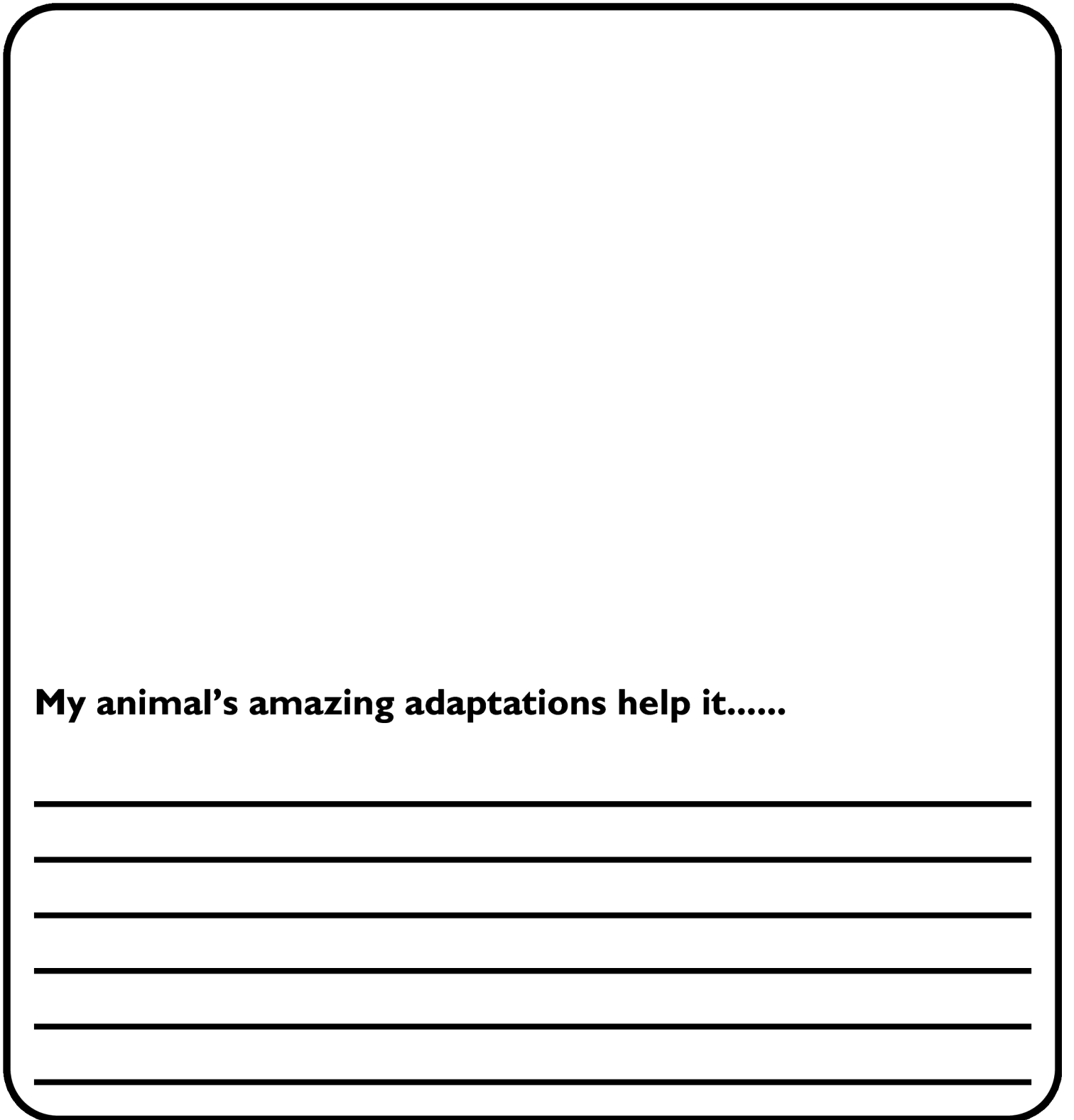
Snakes smell using their tongue! They collect scent particles on their tongue, bring it into their mouth, and into the Jacobson's organ, where they "smell" it. The forked end of their tongue helps snakes to figure out the direction of the smell.



Many snakes have patterns like stripes or splotches on their scales to help them blend in. Camouflage can help snakes hide from both predators and prey.

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Now it is your turn to create some amazing adaptations! Use the space below to draw your own animal and some amazing adaptations that would help it to survive! Remember, every animal needs adaptations to find their food, water, shelter, and stay safe from predators. At the bottom of the page describe how your animal's adaptations help it survive.



My animal's amazing adaptations help it.....
