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Expository Checklist

- ☐ Paragraph #1 Introduction
- ☐ Paragraph # 2 Animal's structures and how they function to help it survive (2+)
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Awesome Walking sticks

Have you ever wondered how walking sticks survive in their environment? These cool insects have external structures that function in special ways to help protect them from predators and live in their habitat.

First stick bugs have a different skin. Their skin helps them survive because they can blend in to their environment. This camouflage confuses their predators into thinking they are just a stick. They will even eat their shed skin to blend in even more. Next these insects have teeny legs. When a predator approaches the stick bug drops their legs to make them look more like a stick. After a few months, the legs will grow back. Another great structure that a stick bug has is sharp spines on their back. The sharp spines help them because it sprays this really bad smell that makes the enemies blind. The last thing is their feet, the feet helps them walk like a rock motion while the wind blows. This is a helpful function because if there is a predator in the open looking for prey, it will appear as if the stick bug is just a stick blowing in the wind. The predator will walk away and the stick bug will be safe.

A walking stick is truly an extraordinary insect! It has terrific structures on its body that help it survive in the wild. Stick bugs have impressive skin that help it stay hidden from predators. They have regenerating legs and spines that release a pungent smell that will make their predators blind. It is absolutely an amazing insect!

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