

**Introduction:** What if an animal was suddenly taken from the environment it usually lives in and was taken to a new and different one? This happened in the early days in Utah when some people shipped a whale from San Francisco in a train car full of seawater. They put the whale in the Great Salt Lake and it promptly died. Can you guess why? In this writing activity, you will become an animal that gets moved to a new location. We are going to assume that you live to tell about it. Be as realistic as you can and describe ways you could survive that are possible. Animals that do not grow fur cannot just start doing that. Animals change over time as survivors pass their traits on to their offspring.

**Directions:** Circle one from each column to write about:

Role	Audience	Format	Topic
Ostrich	Mother Nature	Thank-you note	How can I survive in the arctic? What adaptations would I need?
Turtle	Your Mom	Advice	How can I survive in the rain forest? What adaptations would I need?
Cactus	Scientist	Complaint	
Cat	A relative		
Your teacher			

### Rubric

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Voice	Sounds like the animal, says things it might.	Sometimes sounds like the animal.	Rarely sounds like the animal.
Content	3 ways to survive are described. 3 adaptations present. All are possible.	Less than 3 ways to adapt and survive listed. Some not possible.	Survival or adaptation missing. Most are not possible.
Organization	Style is correct for the chosen format.	Style is partially correct for the chosen format.	Style is not correct for the format.



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