

## Camouflaged Creatures activity



We want to know HOW animals camouflage! How do they choose a colour or pattern? Think about the different types of camouflage that animals use - why have they chosen this camouflage? Let's put it to the test!

### **You will need:**

- a butterfly shape cut from brown or grey paper, or colour your own!
- some string

### **What to do:**

Try putting your butterflies in different locations.

- Where are they difficult to see?
- Why do you think that is?
- Where can they be seen very easily?
- Why do you think that is? Can you do other things to help to camouflage them?

Some animals, such as snakes, use patterns to hide. Others, like stick insects, use their shape to try to stay hidden. There are other ways of camouflaging as well.

- What if you change the colour of things?
- What about their shape?
- Can you see a pattern that might help?
- Are some places better than others?