Science At The Zoo: Animal Defenses

Animals defend themselves in different ways. Some ways are obvious, like sharp teeth and claws, but others you might not notice, like camouflage colors or behavior. As you walk around the zoo, take a moment to look at each animal carefully to find how it defends itself.

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Think About It

Look at the different ways color protect the animals at the zoo. Animal colors and patterns might help them blend in to their environment, or their colors and patterns might be a warning for other animals to "stay away!" Describe the colors and patterns you see on different animals, and write down how you think they protect this animal from predators.

Animal	Colors, Patterns	Camouflage, or Warning?
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