

Animals need food, water, shelter and space to survive. The place where an animal lives and meets its needs is called a **habitat**.

Adaptations are anything an animal has on or in its body, called a **structure**, or something the animal does, called a **behavior**, that help it to survive and meet its needs in its habitat.

Directions:

1. Watch the videos of animals that live at the Roger Williams Park Zoo and see if you can figure out what adaptations they have to help them survive in their habitats. Remember to look for **structures**, things that the animals have on or in their bodies, and think about the **function**, which is *how* they may help those animals survive in their habitats. For example, a giraffe's long neck is the **structure**, and the **function** is that it allows the giraffe to reach tall branches to eat leaves up high that other animals can't reach.



[Red Panda](#)



[North American River Otter](#)



[Two-toed sloth](#)



[Southern tamandua](#)



[Golden lion tamarin](#)



[Armadillos](#)

2. After you watch the videos, fill in the Adaptation Chart on the next page with what you noticed.

Adaptation Chart

Animal Observed	Structure Observed	Function: How do you think the structure helps that animal survive?

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