

# Camo Chameleons

## LEARN ABOUT CAMOUFLAGE

### WHAT IS CAMOUFLAGE?

Camouflage is a tactic used by animals to protect themselves. **Camouflage** is when an animal's natural colors help it blend in with its surroundings. Think of it as a natural disguise for the animal. **Prey** (animals that are hunted by other animals) use it to hide from predators (animals that hunt). **Predators** also use camouflage to hide so they can sneak up on their prey.

### ANIMAL HIDE AND SEEK!

Here are some pictures of animals using camouflage! Circle the animal in each picture. Can you find them all?



Owl



Arctic Fox



Spider on a dandelion



Moth



Gecko



3 Deer

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### CHAMELEONS

Chameleons are masters of disguise! They can actually *change* the color of their skin according to their environment. Sometimes they change their skin color to camouflage, but this is not always the case. Sometimes, they change the color of their skin because of the temperature outside or to communicate to other chameleons!



## MAKE YOUR OWN CAMO CHAMELEON!

### MATERIALS:

- Chameleon printout
- Markers/crayons/colored pencils
- Scissors

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Find places for your chameleon(s) to hide! You might choose a table, a carpet, curtains, or any other fun patterns in your house.
2. Print and cut out the chameleon printout. You can make more than one!
3. Color the attached chameleon printout to match the colors and pattern of its hiding place as closely as possible.
4. Play chameleon hide and seek with your family in your house! See if they can find all the camouflaged chameleons!

