

What Is Camouflage?

Some animals use tricks to hide themselves. Using colors and **patterns** to hide is called **camouflage**. Camouflage makes things very hard to find—even when they are out in the open. **2**



A walkingstick looks like the branches around it.

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Animals, fish, reptiles, and even people use camouflage for hiding. When something looks like the objects around it, it is much harder to see. That is what camouflage is all about! **3**

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2 Answering Questions Teacher Modeling: *I found the answers to my questions after reading page 20. The author included a picture of the forest on the previous page because animals use camouflage to hide “even when they are out in the open.” Animals could be hiding in this picture, but I wouldn’t be able to see them because of camouflage.*

3 Making Connections Teacher Prompt: *What connections can you make between what you know and what you are reading in the text?* **Possible Student Response** *One time at the park, a frog was under the swings. I didn’t see it until it hopped away. Its brown color blended in with the wood chips and made it hard to see.*

Comprehension Check

What is camouflage? *Camouflage is a disguise that makes something look the same as the area around it.*



Teacher Tip

EMPHASIZING INFORMATION Students may ask what the long line is between the words *find* and *even* on page 20. Explain that this is called an *em dash*. Authors use this dash when they want to emphasize important information.

Differentiating Instruction

English Learner

IF . . . English Learners need help understanding the selection vocabulary and other words in “Animal Camouflage,” **THEN . . .** use the Unit 4, Lesson 2 lessons in the **English Learner Support Guide**.