Lesson Plan 4: We All Belong Somewhere

Animals have EVOLVED to live where they do. This means that ever so slowly, over thousands of years, they have changed so they can live more easily in their environment. Just imagine how a monkey would survive in the desert or how a dog would survive under the sea! Not very well! But a field mouse in a meadow or a badger in the woods does *very* well.

Choose one animal and research the environment in which he or she lives. Describe why that animal is so suited to that environment and what would happen if he or she were taken somewhere very different.

Kangaroo	Giraffe	Lizard
Flatfish	Sea Gull	Otter
Fruit Bat	Seal	Parrot
Hummingbird	Jaguar	Pelican
Zebra	Anteater	Squid
Butterfly	Muntjac deer	Panda
Elephant	Duck	Brown Bear
Python	Goat	Hammerhead Shark
Polar Bear	Gorilla	Moth (any kind!)
Penguin	Iguana	Wildebeest

My animal is a _____

This is what my animal is like:

This is what his or her environment is like:

This is why my animal suits that environment:

If my animal were moved somewhere else, he or she would have problems because...