Chapter 4

Adaptations in Animals

LESSON PLAN

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The students will learn about

- different extinct animals
- adaptations in animals of different habitats
- adaptations in animals for feeding
- care of animals

Teaching Aids

Pictures/charts/models/animation on the topics given in the chapter.

Lesson Plan

- Teacher will start the chapter with 'Gear Up' section by giving a brief idea that all animals cannot live in the same habitat and asking a few questions based on the given text.
- With the help of pictures/animation on some extinct animals, teacher will explain why some animals die and ultimately become extinct.
- Now, teacher will explain the groups of animals based on different habitats, i.e., terrestrial animals, aquatic animals, amphibians, arboreal animals and aerial animals.
- ❖ Teacher will explain the adaptations found in animals of different habitats.

Adaptations in terrestrial animals

- Teacher will explain the adaptive features of camel and polar bear that suit them to live in hot desert and polar region respectively.
- Teacher will define hibernation, explain why some animals go on hibernation and how these animals survive during hibernation.
- Adaptations in aquatic animals: Teacher will explain the adaptive features of fish, ducks, water crows, cranes, flamingoes, etc. that enable them to live in water.
- Adaptations in amphibians: Teacher will explain adaptive features of frog that help it to live both on land and in water.

- Adaptations in arboreal animals: Teacher will explain adaptive features of arboreal animals that help them to live on trees.
- Adaptations in aerial animals: Teacher will explain the adaptive features of birds and bats that help them live aerial mode of life.
- ❖ To check the learning of students, teacher will ask them to solve 'Check Point 1'.
- Now, teacher will define the groups of animals according to the food they eat, i.e., herbivores, carnivores, omnivores, parasites and scavengers.
- With the help of different teaching aids, teacher will explain the adaptive features for feeding in herbivores, carnivores, omnivores and parasites.
- Teacher will discuss the importance and ways for taking care of animals.
- Now, teacher will ask students to solve 'Check Point 2'.
- The teacher will sum up the chapter by going through the points given under the head 'Wrap up now' and revising the 'New Words'.
- Finally, teacher will help students to solve all the exercises given under the head 'Practice Time'.

Boost Up

- Teacher should display the pictures of animals and birds named in the chapter.
- Students should be encouraged to collect pictures of different animals and birds and categorise them as herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.
- Students should be encouraged to watch programmes on animals and birds broadcasted on Discovery and National Geographic Channels.

Expected Learning Outcomes

The students understand and know

- different extinct animals.
- adaptive features of animals living in different habitats.
- adaptive features of animals for eating different types of food.
- different groups of animals according to the food they eat.
- adaptive features of parasitic animals.
- need and ways of taking care of animals.

Evaluative Questions

Teacher may ask the following questions for evaluating learning and understanding of students:

- 1. Why have some animals become extinct? Name some extinct animals.
- 2. What is adaptation?
- 3. What are terrestrial animals?
- 4. What are amphibians?
- **5.** What are parasites?
- **6.** What are omnivores?