

ANIMAL DEFENSES



Many animals have defense mechanisms to protect themselves. Skunks spray an odor to scare off predators, porcupines use quills as a physical deterrence and response to predators, and squid and octopus use ink to distract and surprise their predators. Can you think of other special animal defenses? Are there some animals in your yard that have defense mechanisms?

Get outside! Print this sheet and head out to your yard or favorite park to do some animal spotting. Use the lined spaces below to list all the animals you can see or think of that use a defense. Then, pick your favorites and draw them!

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How many can you find?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Draw Your Favorite Defenses!

