BLINK
AT HOME

Camouflage Games

How does camouflage help animals?

Skills to Develop

+ Science content knowledge
+ Science process skills
+ Gross motor skills

Materials

+ Camouflage booklist [PDF]
+ Printable animals [PDF]
+ Paper
+ Marker/crayons/colored pencils
+ Glue
+ Scissors
+ Animal toys

WHAT TO DO

During the Learning Activity

1. Read a book from our camouflage booklist [PDF] to learn how animals use camouflage to blend into their environment. Discuss the book and what your child knows about camouflage. Ask: *what is camouflage? Why do animals want to blend in? How do animals use camouflage?*

2. **Camouflage and seek**: Choose a room or outside area to play in. One person stands in the middle of the hiding area, closes their eyes, and counts. The other players must hide in the same room or area. The seeker looks for the hiding players without moving from their spot.

3. **Camouflage scavenger hunt**: Pick your favorite animal toys or cut shapes out of different colors of construction paper. Take turns hiding the toys around the house. Discuss what makes each hiding place easier or more difficult to find as you discover each hiding place.

4. **Camouflage coloring**: Print the printable animals [PDF]. Invite your child to cut out one of the animals and glue them onto a piece of pattern paper. Camouflage the animal by coloring them to blend in with the pattern on the paper.

Extend the Fun

+ Learn more about other ways animals protect themselves.
+ Invent imaginary animals who can camouflage in their environment.
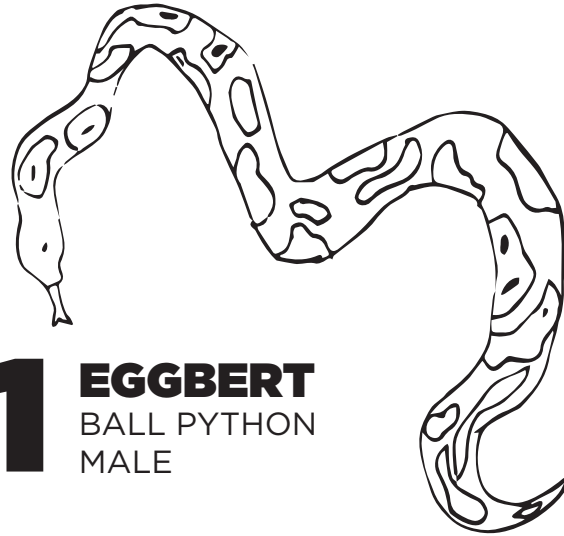
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BLINK: CAMOUFLAGE GAMES
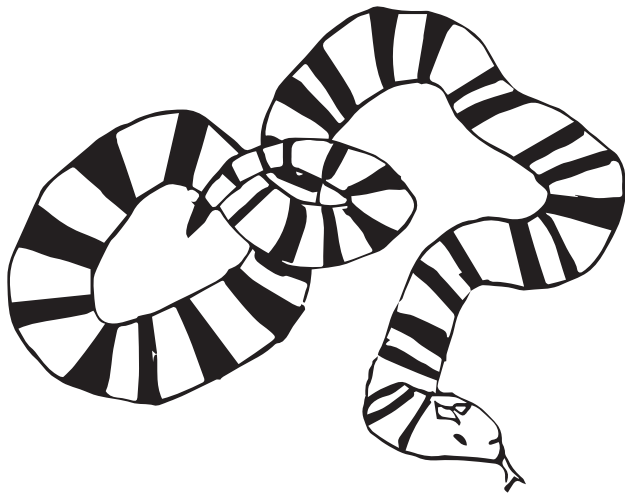Camouflage book list: Print and use

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+ *A Color of His Own* by Leo Lionni
+ *Twig* by Aura Parker
+ *Otto Blotter, Bird Spotter* by Graham Carter
+ *The Mixed Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle
+ *Neon Leon* by Jane Clarke
+ *How to Hide an Octopus and Other Sea Creatures* by Ruth Heller
+ *I See Animals Hiding* by Jim Arnosky
+ *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni

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Printable Animals: Print, cut, and hide
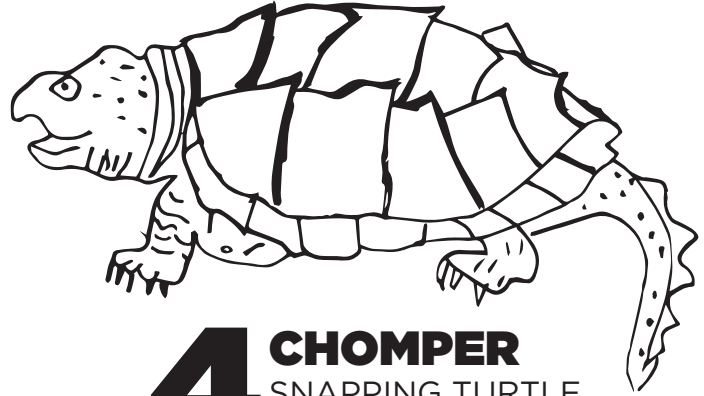
1 **EGGBERT**
BALL PYTHON
MALE

2 **TOLIMA**
ANDEAN MILK SNAKE
FEMALE

3 **EVREN**
BEARDED DRAGON
FEMALE

BLINK: DICE GAMES

Printable Animals: Print, cut, and hide

4 CHOMPER
SNAPPING TURTLE
MALE

5 TILLI
BLUE-TONGUED SKINK
MALE

6 SCOOBY
RUSSIAN DESERT TORTOISE
FEMALE