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Module 2: Informational Essays Animal Defense Mechanisms

Did you know ostriches are one of the fastest birds in the world? If you want to learn more, come on and join us to find out more. Ostriches are feathery and tall birds. They live in the Savanna and Sahel in both north and south of the equatorial forest zone also in native africa and southern west asia. It's crazy that they can survive against lions,hyenas,leopards and cheetahs. Two out of the many defense mechanisms so the ostriches are in herds and have great eyesight.

Try to think of some ways the ostriches defend themselves by lions,cheetahs,leopards and hyenas. In this part you'll learn about two ways ostriches defend themselves. One out of the two ways they defend themselves is by lying flat,you might think it's a weird way to defend themselves but it's a very good defense mechanism. It's good because when they lie flat they have a chance to blend into they're terrain,so that's called camouflaging. Now the next defense mechanism you'll learn in this paragraph is good vision. Good vision is great for survival in the wild for ostriches because you need to see where your predator or prey are, for example if you don't have good vision you could be your predator's next meal.



In this paragraph you'll learn another two defense mechanisms ostriches use are running away and kicking hard or fighting. A third defense mechanism is running away, it's pretty common to know because they are one of the fastest birds on earth. So this is a pretty good defense mechanism because they mostly out run their predators and could catch up to their prey. The final defense mechanism you'll learn about ostriches is kicking hard or fighting. This is a good defense mechanism as well because their legs are very,very strong so kickin hard deals a great amount of damage to the opponent. Running and kicking hard two out of the many ways ostriches defend themselves.



As you can see,ostriches are great animals and are good at defending themselves. The defense mechanisms are lying flat,good vision,running away and fighting. So leopards,cheetahs,lions and hyenas need a great deal of luck to try and catch the clever ostriches,better luck next time.

GLOSSARY

Terrain: Terrain is a place and the surroundings.

Camouflage: Camouflage is when you blend in with your area.

Opponent: An opponent is the person or thing you're attacking.

Surroundings: A surrounding is the area around you.