



Who would **you** nominate:  
the lion, the leopard, or the cheetah?

Find the three large cats and compare their traits.  
Decide which feline deserves the award.

I choose the \_\_\_\_\_.

Write three reasons why your candidate seems to  
be the most skilled at catching, killing, and eating  
an antelope. Use evidence that you can see.

Reason #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason #3: \_\_\_\_\_

When your class returns to school, tally up the votes below.

	Vote Tally	Total
Lion		
Leopard		
Cheetah		

Which cat won, and why? Share your reasons with the class, and listen to the opinions of your classmates. Do you agree or disagree?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## African Hall Scavenger Hunt

*Eat or Be Eaten*

As you travel from the flat plains of the savanna to the peaks of rocky mountains, you'll notice that animals which live in different environments are adapted to their own surroundings. And yet, animals with common lifestyles often resemble each other.

**Question:** What are some physical traits shared by different prey? Different predators?



**Predator:** an animal that hunts other animals  
*Uses strategies to catch, kill, and eat others*



**Prey:** an animal that is hunted by a predator  
*Uses strategies to hide, escape, or protect oneself*



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### Blending in to the background...

Find any antelope that uses **camouflage** to blend in to its **particular surroundings**. Use words or drawings to show how the prey's shape or coloration helps it to hide from predators. Be sure to describe the animal's habitat.

Large empty rectangular box for drawing or writing.

### CHALLENGE!

Can you find a creature that eats other animals, but can be eaten by something larger? Name an animal that can be considered both **predator** and **prey**.

\_\_\_\_\_

HOW PREY ARE  
**UNIQUE**  
HOW PREY ARE  
**SIMILAR**

### Find examples of these common traits...

- »Find a **prey animal** that has a **good example** of each trait.
- »Record your observations by making a **quick sketch** in the circle.
- »**Zoom in** on the traits instead of drawing the whole animal.

structure to defend against an attack



large eyes, ears, or nose to sense danger

pattern that makes me hard to single out

