

What Is an Adaptation?

Note-taking Guide - Answer Key

*predators, behavioral, feature, vision, burrows, adaptation, actions,
survive, structural, hind, night*

A special physical feature or behavior that helps an organism survive in its environment is called an adaptation.

The kangaroo rat has large hind legs that bear its body weight while jumping. Its sharp vision and keen sense of smell help it gather food and also avoid predators.

Such physical features or body structures that aid in an organism's survival are called structural adaptations.

The kangaroo rat lives in burrows. It is active at night and it can live with very little water.

Such actions or behaviors that aid in an organism's survival are called behavioral adaptations.