

# THE PERFECT ENVIRONMENT (Part 2)

## Objective

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Students research animals' basic needs in natural environment and compare changes season to season. Students write a descriptive piece.

## Materials Needed

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- Research materials: library, internet, etc.
- Pencil
- Blank paper

## Directions

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1. After students research animals in the same family as the pet (ex: rodents), they choose one of the four seasons of the year.
2. Students illustrate the natural environment during that season.
3. Students share and explain their illustrations.
4. Ask your students these questions:
  - How does an animal's environment change from season to season?
  - What might make it difficult for animals to meet their needs during different seasons?
  - Why do you think we have so many bigger body parts than a hamster?
  - How do animals deal with these changes and difficulties?

