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Describe the environment. What does it look like? Where in the world is it? What is the weather like? Is it wet/dry? Is it hot/cold? What distinctive features are there?

Draw an organism from the environment. Label some of its characteristics:

Describe the organism. How does it move around? How does it get food? How does it protect itself?

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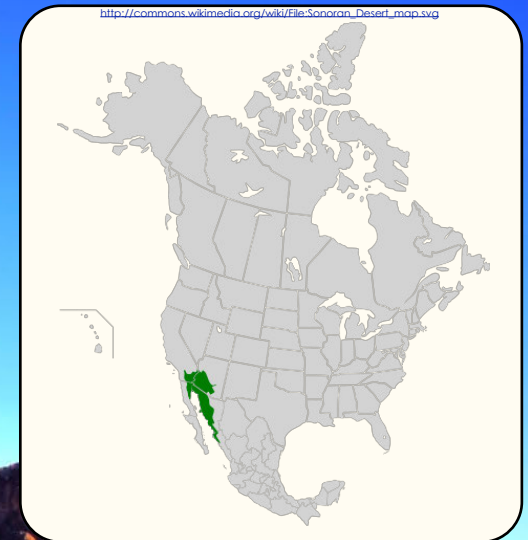
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Describe the organism. What advantageous characteristics does it have? How is it adapted to survive in its environment?

The Sonoran Desert, Arizona, North America



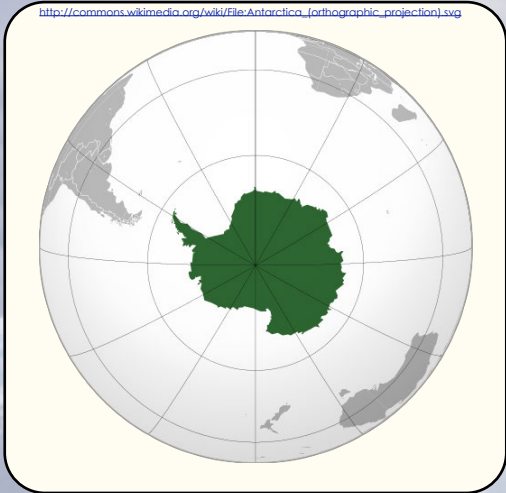
Tropical rainforest tree canopy, Amazon Rainforest, South America



Mangrove swamp, Krabi river, Thailand



The Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica





Read the descriptions of the two animals shown below. In the three boxes provided, write a list of unique characteristics for each animal and a list of similar characteristics. Finally, answer the questions at the bottom of the page.



The **plains zebra** is a *herbivore* found across the plains of southern and eastern Africa. It has large, flat teeth for chewing and breaking down leaves and grasses. It needs lots of fresh water, so often stays in herds near water sources. Its head is the highest part of its body; this allows it to see predators. The zebra's ears are on top of its head, allowing it to listen carefully for predators. Its stripy fur confuses predators, who cannot easily see where one zebra ends and another begins!



The **cheetah** is a *carnivore* found across the plains of southern and eastern Africa. It has large canine teeth for attacking its prey and tearing flesh. The cheetah will attack and eat all kinds of mammal - even one's that are bigger than itself! Its body is low to the ground; this allows it to hide in long grass and sneak up to its prey. Its spotty, sandy-coloured fur helps it blend into its surroundings. The cheetah has forward-facing eyes. This allows it to focus on its prey when hunting.

Unique characteristics (zebra):

Similar characteristics:

Unique characteristics (leopard):

Choose one unique characteristic of **zebras**. Explain why this characteristic is advantageous for them.

Choose one unique characteristic of **cheetah**. Explain why this characteristic is advantageous for them.