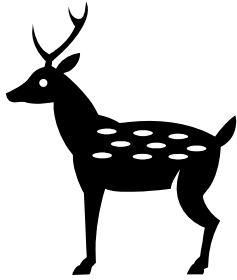


Foot Adaptations

Can you match up the structural adaptations of these footprints to the correct animal?



“My front feet are used to grasp the many different things. I use them to search for critters under rocks, tear apart shells to eat seeds and even to catch insects. I have strong claws on both my front and back feet for climbing.”



“My hoof-like feet are adapted to run quickly over many different terrains.”



“I have soft paws so I can run quickly and sneak up on prey.”



“I have strong sharp claws to catch my favorite prey, fish. I also carry sticks and other plant materials high into trees to build my huge nest.”



“My paws are designed for climbing. I have to be able to grasp well and hold on because sometimes I am carrying my baby in my pouch!”



“I don’t have to run very quickly because I have another defense mechanism... I spray predators with a smelly odor! I don’t climb trees either. I can use the claws on my front paws to move leaves to look for insects, or to dig a burrow.”



“I have thin feet so that I can easily wade through the water. My long feet help balance my long legs as I stand on the shore to look for food.”