Animals and Their Surroundings
Grade 4 Informational Writing Task
Sample A

Animal Habitats

Animals live in all kinds of habitats. Most of the time animals have to change to fit their surroundings. Source #1 says penguins have many layers of fat to keep warm. They also huddle close together to stay warm.

In the desert many animals dig borrows to keep cool. They also keep cool by drinking the water in a cactus. The day is a lot hotter then the night so some desert animals only come out in the night.

Some animals live in the water. Source #2 says that beavers are great builders. They even build they own habitat by making dams. The dams make great lakes and ponds. These lakes and ponds are homes to beavers, fish, and all kinds of great animals.

Forests are also great habitats. Source #3 says that oak trees are big food supplies to many animals. They make animals want to live it forests. Animals love to eat acorns. Squirrels, birds, and other great animals love forests and acorns!