

Weather, Climate and Adaptations of Animals to Climate

Q1. How animals have adapted themselves to overcome the competition for food and shelter in the rainforests?

Ans. The climatic conditions in rainforests are highly suitable for supporting an enormous number and a variety of animals. Since the numbers are large, there is intense competition for food and shelter. So, animals have adapted themselves to overcome the competition for food and shelter in the rainforests.

Example:

- i. Many animals are adapted to living on the trees. Red-eyed frog has developed sticky pads on its feet to help it climb trees on which it lives.
- ii. To help them live on the trees, monkeys have long tails for grasping branches. Their hands and feet are such that they can easily hold on to the branches.
- iii. Bird Toucan possesses a long, large beak. This helps a toucan to reach the fruits on branches which are otherwise too weak to support its weight.