## **Biology B2.3 Adaptation and Inheritance**

Section 1: Competit	ection 1: Competition and Adaptation	
Key word	Definition	
1. Competition	Competing with other organisms for resources	
2. Adaptation	Characteristic that helps an organism to survive in its environment	
3. What do animals compete for?	Food, water, space, mates	
4. What do plants compete for?	Light, water, space, minerals	

## **Section 3: Variation Definition** Key word Differences in characteristics within a 9. Variation species Organisms that have lots of 10. Species characteristics in common, and can mate to produce fertile offspring Characteristics that have been 11. Inherited inherited from parents variation e.g. eye colour Variation caused by your 12. surroundings and what happens to Environmental variation e.g. dyed hair

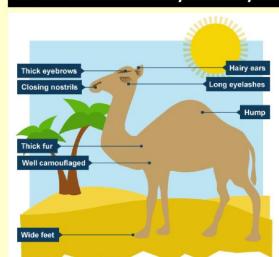
Section 4: continuous and discontinuous		B
Key word	Definition	
13. Continuous variation	Characteristic that can take any value within a range of values e.g. height	/-
14. Discontinuous variation	Characteristic that can only be a certain value e.g. blood type	

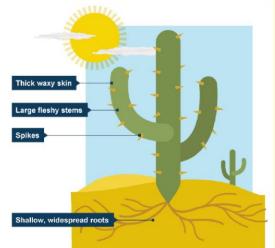






## 5. How are animals and plants adapted for the desert:





## Section 5: Inheritance **Definition** Key word Chemical that contains all the information 15. DNA needed to make an organism Long strand of DNA, 16. which contains many Chromosome laenes Section of DNA that 17. Gene contains the information for a characteristic

sperm contains
23 chromosomes

During fertilisation
the genetic material
joins together.

Each nucleus in an
embryo contains
46 chromosomes.

of extinction

	Section 2: Adapting to change			
1		Grow rapidly in the spring but lose leaves in winter to save energy		
		Hibernation, migration, grow thicker fur		
	8. Interdependence	The way in which living organisms		

depend on each other to survive

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	Section 6: Natural Selection		
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100	18. Natural selection	Process by which organisms with the characteristics most suited to the environment survive ar reproduce passing on their genes	

ection 7: Extinction		
Key word	Definition	
19. Extinct	When no more animals of a species are left in the world	
20. Causes of extinction	Environmental changes, destruction of habitat, disease, predation	
21. Prevention	Seed banks, tissue banks,	

cryobanks, pollen banks