



### CAMOUFLAGED PIPE CLEANERS

Record your results in the chart.

#### Number of Pipe Cleaners Picked up

Trial	 red	 green	 yellow	 brown	 black	 white
1						
2						
3						

1. Which was the least picked up colour in the trials? Why?

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2. If this experiment was conducted on snow, which colour of pipe cleaner do you think you would pick up the least of? Why?

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# Animal Mimicry

Apart from colour camouflage, some animals have another sophisticated form of adaptation – mimicry – to strive to survive in the wild. Below are three different kinds of mimicry:



### Resembling something harmless:

From colour to shape, stick bugs look exactly the same as twigs. This kind of mimicry allows animals to resemble something harmless or unassuming.



*harmless  
milk snake*

*venomous  
coral snake*

### Resembling something dangerous:

Milk snakes are harmless but their skin has a similar pattern to venomous coral snakes. This helps milk snakes scare their predators away because their predators think that the milk snakes are dangerous coral snakes.



### Resembling host eggs:

Cuckoo birds will lay their eggs in the nests of other birds. Their eggs resemble the other birds' eggs so that the host birds will raise the baby cuckoo birds as their own. This saves the cuckoo birds from having to build their own nests and feed their young.