

Survival of the Fittest!

Write a story highlighting the four steps of natural selection.

Option 1

Write a **four** paragraph story.

Write in the perspective of the chosen animal/character.

All four steps of natural selection should be included in your story.

(Overproduction, Inherited Variation, Struggle to Survive, Successful Reproduction)

Option 2

Create a comic strip

Must have a minimum of 4 tiles

Chosen animal/character must “speak” in complete sentences on each tile.

Each tile should be labeled with the appropriate natural selection step.

All tiles must be colored.

Description for each step of natural selection.



1 Overproduction A tarantula's egg sac may hold 500–1,000 eggs. Some of the eggs will survive and develop into adult spiders. Some will not.



2 Inherited Variation Every individual has its own combination of traits. Each tarantula is similar to, but not identical to, its parents.



3 Struggle to Survive Some tarantulas may be caught by predators, such as this wasp. Other tarantulas may starve or get a disease. Only some of the tarantulas will survive to adulthood.



4 Successful Reproduction The tarantulas that are best adapted to their environment are likely to have many offspring that survive.