B.4.1 · Adaptation to environment

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Word	Example
adaptation /ˌædæpˈteɪʃn/	Thick fur is an **adaptation** to cold weather.
xerophyte /ˈzɪərəfaɪt/	A cactus is a **xerophyte**: it lives where there is little water.
surface area to volume ratio /ˈsɜːfɪs ˈeərɪə tə ˈvɒljuːm ˈreɪʃɪəʊ/	A small animal has a large **surface area to volume ratio**, so it loses heat quickly.

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