

## Inherited Traits + Learned Behaviors

- adaptation - structure or function that allows an organism to survive in its environment.

- Organisms get their adaptations from their parents (inherited traits)

- Organisms do not only inherit physical characteristics from their parents. They can inherit behavioral characteristics, too!

- We call those behaviors instincts

- ex: baby crying, migration, bird building a nest, spider spinning web, etc.

- learned behaviors - behavior learned from the influence of the environment.

- acquired after birth.

- ex: riding a bike, saying the pledge, writing your name, etc.