

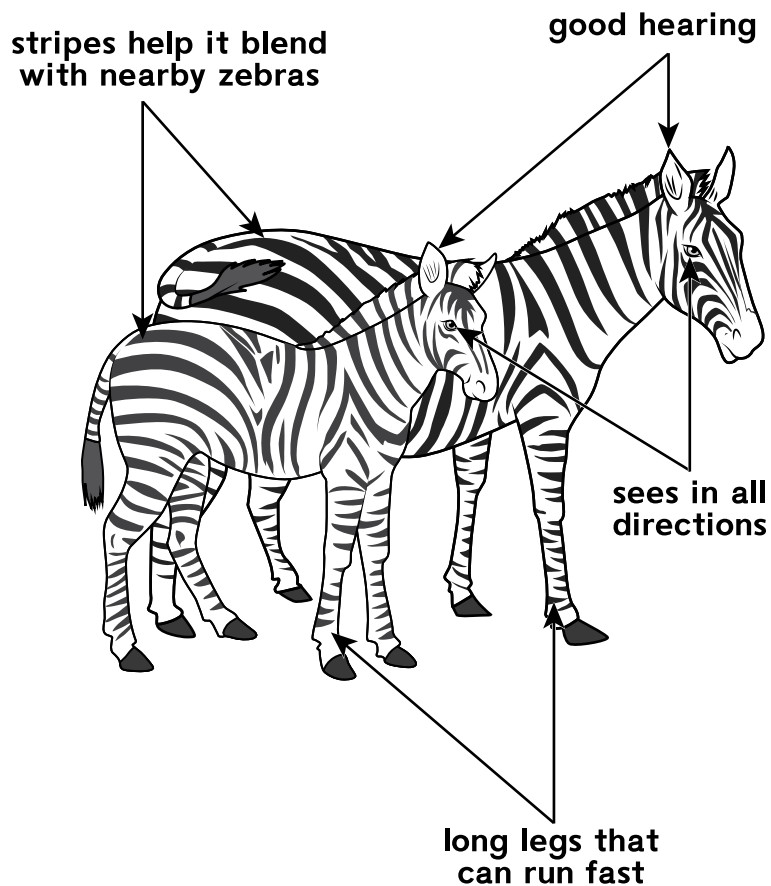
Read the passage “Legs as Long as Mom’s and Dad’s” and then answer Numbers 1 through 5.

Legs as Long as Mom’s and Dad’s

- 1 Have you ever been told that you look like your parents? Your face might look a little like theirs. But don’t you have shorter legs? Everyone can see that you are a different person. Baby zebras look and act more like their parents than human children do. This helps keep the baby zebras alive.
- 2 All zebras have black and white stripes. Even baby zebras have them. But why? After all, zebras live in wild country. The colors there are mostly brown. Black and white colors are hard to hide. Predators can see the zebras. Predators are animals that want to eat zebras.
- 3 But the stripes do help baby zebras hide. They make it hard to pick out one zebra from the crowd. So, zebras stand together. They eat together. They walk together. The pattern of each zebra’s stripes blends with the stripes of the other zebras. Predators cannot find a baby zebra even when it is close. They see a blur of black and white.
- 4 Baby zebras are like their parents in another way, too. Baby zebras have long legs. They are born with legs almost as long as their parents’ legs. This may seem odd. But long legs help baby zebras in a few ways.
- 5 Long legs help baby zebras run fast. That way, they can keep up with the other zebras. They can run if they are chased. They are not easy to catch.

- 6 Long legs also help baby zebras look tall. Predators look at a group of zebras. They cannot find the babies by looking at the legs. The babies blend in with the other zebras. This keeps the baby zebras safe. They stay alive because they have legs almost as long as their parents' legs.
- 7 Look closely at a baby zebra. You will find that it looks like its parents for good reasons. Its stripes and its legs help keep it alive.

Baby zebras stay safe from predators by being a lot like their parents.



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