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Using Details to Determine the Main Idea

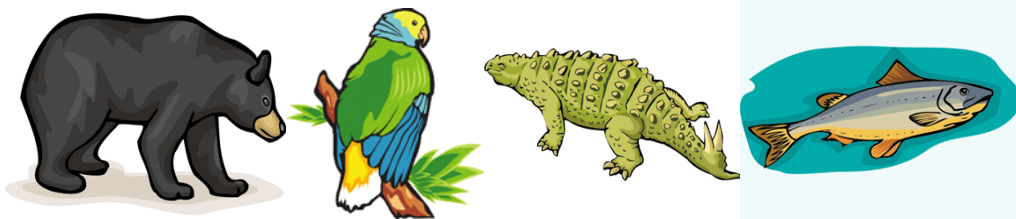
All animals have some sort of covering all over their bodies. Animals have feathers, scales, fur, or skin. Their animal coverings protect their insides from bacteria, air, water, heat, and cold temperatures.

Birds have feathers as their coverings. The feathers are attached to their skin. Feathers help to keep them warm, and water from penetrating their skin. Ducks can float on water in pond while keeping their skin from getting wet because of their feathers.

All reptiles have scales as their animal covering. The scales protect the skin from being easily damaged. Their scales also protect their bodies from the harsh heat of the sun. Just like regular skin, reptile scales can fall off and peel as they grow. Fish also have scales. Their scales protect them as well from hard and rough objects underwater.

Animals with fur covering have soft thick patches of fluffy hair. The fur protects their skin from cold temperatures. Animals can molt their fur in the summer months so that they do not overheat. In the winter months, furry animals grow thicker furs to keep them warm.

Animals with skin have the least amount of protection for the organs and bones from the sun and rough or hard objects. This means animals with a skin covering are more vulnerable to the heat of the sun and very cold temperatures.



Use the paragraphs above to determine the important details and main idea.

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What is the Main Idea?