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Review

- 1. How do many animals stay safe from their enemies?
 - A. by turning brown when they go into the forest
 - B. by hiding with snowshoe hares
 - C. by blending into their surroundings
 - D. by growing white fur in the spring and summer
- 2. How does the snowshoe hare stay safe from its enemies?