

Name _____

What Does a Squirrel Look Like?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. A squirrel's tail helps it balance when jumping, keeps it warm in cold weather, and is used to signal other squirrels.
2. Squirrels need sharp claws and strong legs to grip tree bark and climb safely, especially when escaping predators.
3. A squirrel's fur color helps it blend into its surroundings, like trees or the forest floor, making it harder for predators to spot.
4. Without good eyesight, squirrels might not see predators or navigate trees as easily, making them more vulnerable to danger.

