



# Plants Too

- Animals are not the only ones who adapt to their environments.
- Seaweed is adapted to live in water. Cacti are adapted to live in the desert.
- The Venus flytrap, which only lives naturally in the Lower Cape Fear region, is adapted to live in soil that does not provide enough nutrients. It catches insects with two leaves. It does not have a mouth, throat, or stomach so it is not really “eating” the bugs the way an animal or human eats.
- Put your wrists and elbows together and open up your hands with your fingers spread out. Have someone drop a crumpled ball of paper (a bug) into your hands. Now snap your hands together quickly, interlacing your fingers. That is how the plant catches an insect. The leaves dissolve the bug’s exoskeleton and absorb its gooey insides. Then, the leaves open back up and the bug is blown out by the wind.
- To see some amazing footage on the Venus flytrap, visit <https://www.pbs.org/video/plants-behaving-badly-venus-flytrap/>