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What's making that strange knocking sound? That's the way the grouse woos its chosen one. After this typical ritual – mating call – the grouse female can choose the ideal partner.

Some animals are only seen in the mountains part of the year, for example, deer – when it begins to grow warmer in the spring, they move to the hills where they have more food just for themselves. When the snow falls, they descend back down into the valleys.





The ptarmigan and the mountain hare have chosen a similar strategy. As soon as snow falls, they turn white. They are then almost invisible for their predators.

Members of the marmot family grow a proper layer of subcutaneous fat for the winter time, which they develop throughout the year. They then fall into a winter sleep and only wake up in the spring.

To protect itself from the cold, the chamois is equipped with a thick coat, which grows longer for the winter. It cannot store up fat, however, as every kilo extra is cumbersome when jumping from rock to rock. So, sometimes it makes its way down into lower parts of the mountains, where there is still a sufficient amount of food even in the winter.

You have to hide from the freezing wind wherever you can. That's why eagles build their nests on the lee side, for example, behind a cliff wall. Bears, in contrast, seek out an empty cave, where they spend their winter hibernation.



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Climb with us
to the top of
the mountain!



What goes on
inside the cave?

How do animals
cope with
cold weather?

A bear tries to catch an agile salmon from a mountain stream, marmots look for supplies even under the remains of the snow, while a golden eagle watches everything carefully from on high ... and who else makes the mountains their home? Lace your boots up tight and set out to explore all of the mountain ridges. A foldout book full of hollows and burrows, which you can continually browse back and forth.



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