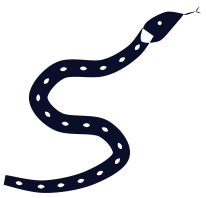
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The Opossum of the Future



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Comprehension Questions

1. What predicament does the opossum find himself in at the beginning of the story?
2. How does the opossum attempt to save himself from the snake?
3. What does the opossum call the snake, and why?
4. How does the snake react to the opossum's remarks about evolution and development?
5. What moral lesson can we learn from the opossum's encounter with the snake?

Vocabulary Exercise

Match the words on the left with their correct meanings on the right. Write the correct letter in the space provided.

Word	Meaning	Match
1. Opossum	a. A type of snake	
2. Predicament	b. A situation requiring a difficult choice	
3. Dissemble	c. To hide one's true motives	
4. Eminence	d. High status or rank	
5. Orthodoxy	e. Adherence to accepted beliefs	

Writing Reflection

Reflect on the story of "The Opossum of the Future". Use the prompts below to write your thoughts.

1. What do you think the opossum's strategy teaches us about facing difficult situations?

2. Can you think of a time when you had to think creatively to solve a problem? Describe that experience.

3. What moral do you take away from this story?

Feel free to share your answers with a classmate or discuss them in a group!