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## Swift and Fierce

**Prompt:** If you had to live in the ocean and were able to borrow 3 adaptations from ocean animals, what 3 existing adaptations would you choose and why? You may choose to include a drawing of yourself with your new adaptations.

The three adaptations that I chose for my marine animal are gills, a streamlined body, and razor sharp teeth. These are thought to be the most powerful combo of adaptations. I'm going to start with the incredible gills, which is a very special thing to have. When we think of whales, we might bring up the fact that they have to resurface every few hours. Some other animals however, don't have to do that due to their gills. Gills take oxygen from the surrounding water, which eliminates the hassle of resurfacing.

A streamlined body helps with the way that your body is built, increasing your speed. A streamlined body is like the difference between a soccerball and a football, a football has a point at the front, making it go faster through the air. I would be able to outrun anyone or anything, making it an essential addition to my lifestyle. To be more specific, I would be able to catch just about any prey that I could want. On the other hand, if I am the prey, I could outrun them and more than likely get away.

Having razor sharp teeth widens your variety of food and effectiveness of the eating process. These sharp teeth allow me to eat just about any prey I could want. I'm able to tear just about any type of meat you could have. I could even eat any particular plant as well. I could rip through the stems and roots of even the most tough wildlife. This can once again be a defensive tactic, if I might want to fight back. I can insert my teeth into them, to stop, injure, and even kill them.

When you combine all these components, it results in a deadly weapon. Let's put ourselves in a prey situation, I would be able to outrun them and catch up in no time. Next, I could instantly kill them and pick any type of prey, regardless of how tough their meat is. Finally, I would be able to do any chase down for an extended amount of time because I don't have to go to the surface for air. With these things, I could be the ultimate marine animal.