Carefully planned enclosures are important for the well-being of animals in captivity. The species' natural habitat and behavior guide enclosure design, but along with the species' needs, we must consider the individual animal’s needs. In *Tigers In Trouble*, you heard how Nitro Tiger’s enclosure was designed to help him thrive despite his blindness. Choose an animal below and design an enclosure that meets all of their needs.

**Step 1: Choose an animal:**
- Tiger with a limp - has some trouble climbing over or onto taller objects
- Blind caracal - needs help navigating enclosure
- Cougar with amputated leg - can’t jump or climb as easily

**Step 2: What are some things to keep in mind when designing an enclosure for this species?**

**Step 4: Design the enclosure.**
Below is a checklist of things that Carolina Tiger Rescue includes in the animals’ enclosures to get you started.

- Den boxes or shelters
- Water dishes
- Food chutes
- Enrichment to meet different needs
- Platforms
- Roof or tall fence depending on their abilities
- Connected shifts (sections) of the enclosure

**Step 3: Brainstorm ideas for making the enclosure fit the individual animal’s needs.**

**Step 5: Build the enclosure.**
Once you have planned and designed your enclosure, it is time to build! Using materials around your house, make a habitat. Sketch your habitat below.

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Show us your design! Draw a picture of your animal’s completed enclosure below.

Name: ___________________________________________ Age: ______