How do animals use the wind?

The wind acts as a fan for animals. Because wind is the movement of air, it cools animals just like a fan cools us.

Warning against predators

Hunting animals such as lions, tigers, wolves... sneak up slowly to their prey to avoid being noticed. For a successful hunt, it's also important for the prey not to smell the predator. That's why hunters try to move against the wind.

Can these animals fly?

In the northern part of Europe, among tall trees, lives the flying squirrel, also known as the gliding squirrel. It can perform very long jumps between trees. This is made possible by the wide flaps of skin on the sides of its body, between the front and hind legs. Thanks to these flaps, the flying squirrel glides through the air.

In Asia, you can find flying dragons. They are small and don't breathe fire. Thanks to their long ribs, on which the skin is stretched, they can fly over considerable distances.

In the Asian jungle, there are flying frogs. They have wide membranes between their toes. Jumping from branch to branch, they flatten their bodies and spread their legs to the sides.

Some Asian snakes can also glide through the air from tree to tree.

In addition to flying by flapping their wings, birds sometimes also glide through the air. When they glide, they tire less because they expend less energy.