

Roads Converge

Very different organisms sometimes evolve in very similar ways. As unrelated organisms adapt to similar environments, they may look and act more and more alike in behavior, form and function.



Whales, sea turtles, sharks and penguins - very different animals - have all adapted to life in water. Each has developed broad, flat, front "fins" for swimming. Scientists call this process "convergent evolution". You might say their evolutionary "roads" have converged.