

# natural selection *(nat-u-ral-se-lec-tion)*

## Definition

n. The process whereby organisms better adapted to their environment tend to survive and produce more offspring. This theory was first fully expounded by Charles Darwin and is now regarded as a fundamental mechanism of evolution.

## Example Sentence

**Natural selection** plays a crucial role in the evolution of species over time.

## More Example Sentences

Through **natural selection**, advantageous traits become more common in a population.

## Synonyms

survival of the fittest; evolution; adaptation

## Antonyms

artificial selection; genetic drift; mutation

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