

## Animal classification.

Classification is a way of sorting things. When you sort things into groups because of features they have such as the way they look you are classifying them. Animal classification is when we sort different animals into different groups. Such as how many legs they have or what they eat. One way we classify animals is if they are a reptile, mammal, bird, fish, amphibian or insects. If an animal is a reptile they have a back bone (which makes them a vertebrate). They breathe using their lungs and have dry scaly skin. They are cold blooded animals so must live in warm areas where there is lots of sun and warmth. Mammals are warm blooded so can live on land or in water. All mammals give birth to live babies that drink their mother's milk. We are mammals! Fish only live in water and use their fins and gills to breathe. They are cold blooded animals and give birth to eggs in water that develop into fish.

### Questions!

1. What does classification mean?
2. What are the different groups we can classify animals in?
3. What is the name for an animal with a back-bone?
4. Where should reptiles live?
5. Name an animal that you know that is a reptile.
6. What key things show an animal is a mammal?
7. Name an animal you know that is a mammal
8. Name key fact that show you an animal is a fish.
9. Name a fish that you know.
10. Do you know any facts about amphibians?

## Answers.

1. Sorting things into different groups.
2. Reptile, mammal, bird, fish, amphibian or insects.
3. Vertebrate.
4. Somewhere warm with lots of sun.
5. Lizard, turtle, Snake, tortoise, dinosaurs.
6. Give birth to live babies. Cold blooded. Live on land or in water.
7. Human, Whale, Cow, Dog, Cat etc.
8. They only live in water, they must use fins to move and gills to breathe. They are cold blooded and give birth to eggs.
9. Clownfish etc.
10. Cold blooded. Live on land and in water. They have webbed feet and moist skin. They lay eggs.