# Classification

Lots of wild activities about animal groups and classification.







### National curriculum links to Science

Please note this activity pack is for a mixture of ages and school years.





# Classification

Classification is the sorting of animals and plants into groups with other similarities.

The groups include:

Kingdom

Phylum

Class

Order

Family

Genus

Species

You can help remember this by: Keep Ponds Clean Or Frogs Get Sick.





### **Classification timeline**

Research and fill in the information below to create a timeline of important scientific dates in the development of classification.

• 4th Century BC Aristotle	
• 1551 Gessner	
• 1738 Linnaeus	
• 1796 Cuvier	
• 1809 Lamarck	
• 1831 Darwin	
• 1858 Wallace wrote to	
• 1859 Darwin	
1865 Mendel	





# Wild Wordsearch

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BIRDS
CLASS
FAMILY
FISH
GENUS

INVERTEBRATES
KINGDOM
LINNEAUS
MAMMALS
ORDER
PHYLUM

REPTILES
SPECIES
TAXONOMY
VERTEBRATES





# Sorting animals

Sort the list of animals below into the correct group on the table.

Are they a mammal, bird, amphibian or reptile?

Barn Owl

Poison Dart Frog

Llama

Crocodile

Hedgehog

Royal Python

Sparrow

Common Newt

Black Rhino

Human

Cuckoo

Bearded Dragon

Leopard

Cane Toad

Warthog

Toucan

Meerkat

African Grey Parrot

Chameleon

Orca





Mammal

**Birds** 

**Amphibian** 

Reptile





# **Class Features**

Research and write down the similarities between animals in each class. Why are they classified into each one? We have started you off.

### Mammals

They have hair or fur.

### Birds



Reptiles

Amphibians





Fish

Invertebrates





# Orders

After Class in the classification system the next stage is Order.

Can you name some of the animals in the orders below? and think about why they are all in that order?

### Carnivora

Artiodactyla





# **Families**

Draw an animal from the animal families below.

Research the family before this activity.

You can create your own with all the features found in animals in that family if you like.

# Strigidae





# Hominidae





# Answers and extra activities

### **Sorting animals**

#### **Mammals**

Llama, Hedgehog, Black Rhino, Human, Warthog, Meerkat, Orca, Leopard

#### **Birds**

Barn Owl, Sparrow, Cuckoo, Toucan, African Grey Parrot

#### **Amphibians**

Dart frog, Common Newt, Cane Toad

#### **Reptiles**

Chameleon, Bearded Dragon, Royal Python, Crocodile

#### **Extra activities**

- Have a look at some animal picture on our social media and online and see if you can classify them from kingdom to species.
- -Play heads up/ guess who using animals and describe their features to try and guess who you are.
- Make an animal family collage.
- Research how insects are classified using their body segments, then go on a bug hunt and see if you can classify them.
- Have a think about carnivore, omnivore and herbivores and how we put them into groups?
- What is a classification key? Find one online and try to use it for a chosen animal.



