Science - Living things and their habitats

algae	A single or multi-cellular organism that has no roots,
	stems or leaves and is often found in water.
bacteria	Tiny little organisms that are everywhere around us.
classification	The arrangement of organisms into orderly groups based on their similarities and presumed evolutionary relationships.
fungi -	A classification or group of living organisms. This means they are not animals, plants, or bacteria.
invertebrate	An invertebrate animal does not have a backbone and 97% of creatures belong to this group.
micro=organism	An organism which is microscopic, making it too small to be seen by the human eye.
organism	An individual animal, plant or single-celled life form.
species	A group of closely related organisms that are very similar to each other and are usually capable of producing offspring.
taxonomy	The science of naming, identifying and classifying organisms.
vertebrate	A vertebrate animal is one that has a backbone.
virus	A small infectious agent that replicates only inside the living cells of an organism.

The 7 Levels of Classification

Kingdom	5 widely accepted kingdoms for
	classification: monera, protists, fungi,
	plants and animals.
Phylum	Divisions based on shared physical
	characteristics among organisms.
Class	Classes are based on very important, and
	more detailed, similarities.
Order	Orders are based on characteristics listed
	on a taxonomy key.
Family	Groups of organisms that share certain
	adaptive traits. They have a common
	ancestory.
Genus	A way to describe the generic name for an
	organism.
Species	Species is the specific name given to a
	living organism.
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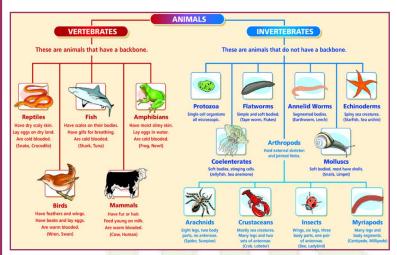


Micro-organisms

Microorganisms are very tiny living things. They are so small that they are not visible to the naked eye, so a microscope is needed to see them. Microorganisms can be found all around us. They can live on and in our bodies, in the air, in water and on the objects around us. They can be found in almost every habitat on Earth.



Classification of Animals



Animals can be divided into groups or 'classified' by looking at the similarities and differences between them.

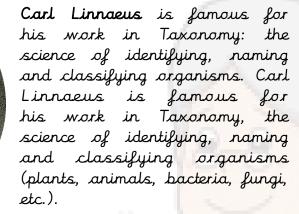
Animals are divided into two main groups.

Animals that have a backbone are called vertebrates. Animals that don't have a backbone are called invertebrates.

Vertebrates and invertebrates are divided into smaller groups. Vertebrates, for example, are divided into fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

There are many different groups of invertebrates too. They include invertebrates which have soft bodies such as jellyfish, worms and molluscs (like slugs and squids). There are also groups of invertebrates with hard bodies, such as insects, crustaceans and spiders.

Famous Scientists



The six living kingdoms are: animals, plants, fungi, bacteria, protists and archaea.

MRSGREN: Processes

Movement

Respiration

Sensitivity

Growth

Reproduction

Excretion

Nutrition

Fungi are their own kingdom as they gain energy from dead plants and animals, not the sun.

Carl Linnaeus'
book called
'Systema
Naturae' laid out
the classification
of living things.

Classification of Plants

