

Nova's Creature Classification Challenge

Learning objective: To use a classification key to identify living things by observing their features.

Nova the Owl has found some mysterious creatures in the garden! Look at the classification key below. Follow the arrows to see which group each creature belongs to. Write the name of the creature in the box next to its description.

Word bank: Mammal · Bird · Fish · Insect · Reptile

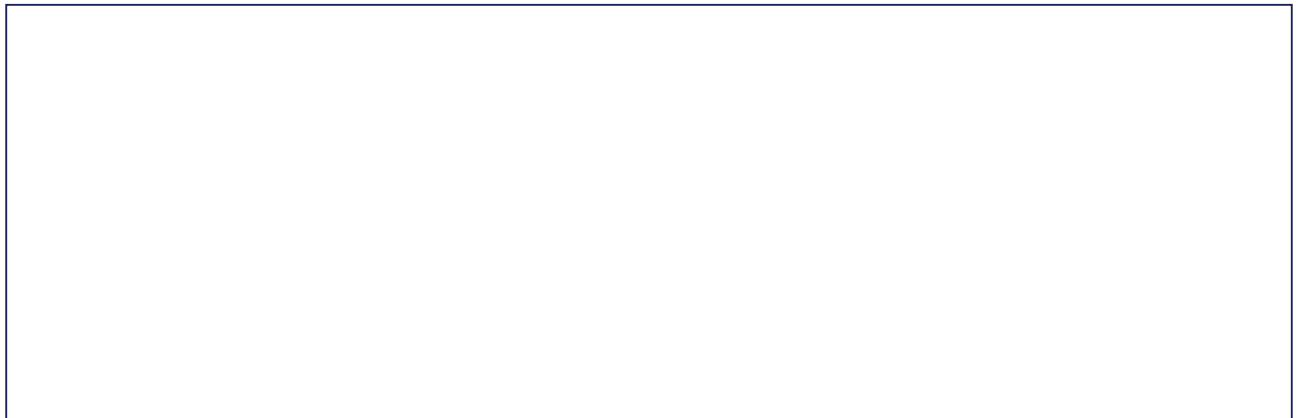
1. 1. This creature has feathers and lays eggs. Which group is it in? (Start at the top of the key: Does it have feathers? Yes -> Bird) (2 marks)

2. 2. This creature has fur and gives birth to live young. Which group is it in? (Start at the top of the key: Does it have feathers? No -> Does it have fur? Yes -> ...) (2 marks)

3. 3. This creature has six legs and an exoskeleton. Which group is it in? (2 marks)

4. 4. This creature lives in water and has gills to help it breathe. Which group is it in? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a line to connect each animal to its group: A goldfish to 'Fish', a sparrow to 'Bird', and a cat to 'Mammal'.



Extension challenge: Can you think of one more animal that belongs in the 'Mammal' group and write it down?