

# Nova’s Classification Key Word Mat

Learning objective: To learn the vocabulary needed to sort and classify living things using a key.

## Key Vocabulary

Use this word mat to help you sort animals and plants. The words are split into three groups: 'Sorting Words', 'Living Things', and 'Body Parts'.

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| <b>Classification</b> Putting living things into grou...  | <b>Key</b> A set of questions used to identify or sor... | <b>Feature</b> A part of an animal or plant, like hav...  |
| <b>Vertebrate</b> An animal that has a backbone or...     | <b>Invertebrate</b> An animal that does not have a...    | <b>Mammal</b> Animals that have fur or hair and fe...     |
| <b>Reptile</b> Cold-blooded animals with scales tha...    | <b>Amphibian</b> Animals that live in water and on ...   | <b>Bird</b> Animals that have feathers and lay hard...    |
| <b>Fish</b> Animals that live in water and use gills t... | <b>Insect</b> Small animals with six legs and a hard...  | <b>Habitat</b> The natural home where a plant or a...     |
| <b>Gills</b> The body part fish use to breathe unde...    | <b>Feathers</b> The soft covering on a bird’s body.      | <b>Scales</b> Small, flat plates that cover the skin o... |
| <b>Fur</b> The thick hair that covers many mammal...      |                                                          |                                                           |