

Nova's Guide to Living Things

Learning objective: To describe how to group living things using a classification key.

Read the sentences below. Use the word bank to help you finish the descriptions. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Nova the owl is looking at all the amazing living things in the forest today.

Word bank: living · non-living · vertebrates · invertebrates · group · because · feature

1. Living or Non-living: A rock is a non-living thing because... (2 marks)

2. Vertebrates: Animals like birds and fish are called vertebrates because... (2 marks)

3. Invertebrates: Insects are called invertebrates because... (2 marks)

4. Sorting: I would group these animals together by looking at their... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you draw one vertebrate and one invertebrate in your science book? Label them both.