

Living Things with Bea the Bee

Learning objective: To recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.

Look at the pictures and the words below. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Ask Bea the Bee for help if you get stuck!

Bea the Bee loves to study all living things in the garden. Some animals have a backbone, which we call a vertebrate. Some animals do not have a backbone, which we call an invertebrate. We can sort animals into groups based on what they are like.

Word bank: Vertebrate · Invertebrate · Mammal · Amphibian · Group · Living

1. Bea wants to sort a cat and a worm. A cat has a backbone. Is it a vertebrate or an invertebrate? (2 marks)

2. A worm does not have a backbone. Is a worm a vertebrate or an invertebrate? (2 marks)

3. A cat is a mammal. Can you name one other animal that is a mammal? (1 mark)

4. Complete the sentence: Living things can be sorted into a _____ based on how they look. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of your favourite animal. Underneath your drawing, write if it is a vertebrate or an invertebrate.

Extension challenge: Talk to a partner about why you put your animal in that group.