Classification Keys

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A key is a set of questions about the characteristics of living things. You can use a key to identify a living thing or decide which group it belongs to by answering the questions.

Physical Features

When classifying animals try to use physical features that you can see.

Has it got 4 legs?

Does it have hair all over its body?

Does it have wings?

Does it have a beak?

Does it have a shell?

<u>The answers to the questions have to have a YES or NO answer</u>

Has the mini-beast got legs?

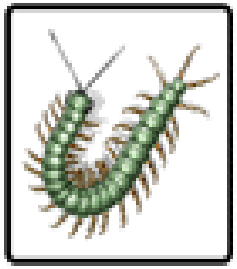
Yes

Has it got wings?

No

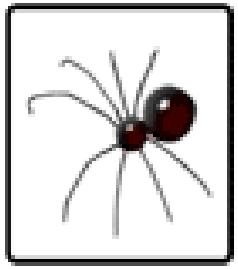
Has it got more than eight legs?

Yes



Centipede

No

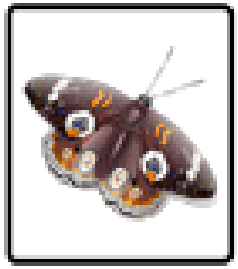


Spider

Yes

Is it active at night?

Yes



Moth

No

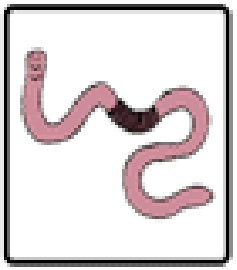


Butterfly

No

Has it got a shell?

No



Worm

Yes



Snail

Activity – Choose a range of animals from the Arctic or Antarctic and create a classification key.

Here are some animals you could pick.

https://www.coolantarctica.com/Antarctica%20fact%20file/antarctica_animal.php

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