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## Classification

L.O To be able to classify animals

S.C:

- Consider similarities
- Consider differences
- Give reasons for my classification

What do we mean by classification?

Classification – The arrangement of animals and plants in groups according to their similarities

Why do we classify animals and plants into particular groups?

It is important to group animals and plants so that we can narrow them down into specific groups.

Scientists believe there may be as many as 10 million different species on Earth. When studying their lives and behaviours, it is important to have narrowed them down into different groups so that they can research the appropriate groups.

A simple way to group animals is through a key that asks questions to separate down to the animal/s.

You can also classify animals through specific headings e.g. 4 legs, not 4 legs.



Are they a mammal?

Yes

No

Are they a mammal?

Yes

No



Are they a carnivore?

Yes

No

Are they a bird?

Yes

No



Are they a mammal?

Yes

No



Are they a carnivore?

Yes

No

Are they a bird?

Yes

No



When classifying animals, they don't need to all be individuals but they do need to be separated into smaller groups that focus on their similarities.

# Activity

How have you grouped the  
different animals you have  
been given?