

Animal Card Sorting Activities

Classification Sorting Activity Using Cards #1-3

1. Print the animal classification cards #1-3 and name tags of each group on the next pages that follow. You won't need the invertebrate cards for this activity. Cut into 24 cards and mix them together. (Laminate cards if desired.)
2. This activity works well for centers, small groups, or partners.
3. Ask students to group the animal cards based on one property. For example, they make a group of animals based on the property of body covering. They might have animals that have fur and ones that have feathers. This will illustrate the concept of classification.
4. Have students report to the class about how they have grouped their cards.
5. Next, have students organize their cards in a different way and report back to the class. This will show them that there are many ways to group, or classify, animals.

Vertebrates Sorting Activity Using Cards #1-3

1. Print the animal classification cards #1-3 and name tags of each group of vertebrates: mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians. You won't need the invertebrate cards for this activity. Cut into 24 cards and mix them together.
2. Students pick one card at a time and sorts them into the five groups of vertebrates: mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians.
3. Check their cards to make sure they are in the correct groups.

Vertebrates & Invertebrates Sorting Activity Cards #1-5

1. Print animal classification cards #1-5 and name tags for only vertebrates and invertebrates. You won't need the other tags. Cut into 40 cards and mix them together. Cards #4 and #5 are all invertebrates.
2. If this is too many cards for students to sort pick one sheet (8 cards) for each group.
3. Have students sort the cards into two groups: vertebrates and invertebrates.
4. Students will have to determine if the animals have a backbone or not.
*Hint: have students look for animals that have a soft body such as a jellyfish or octopus and animals that have an exoskeleton like insects.

VERTEBRATES

MAMMALS

BIRDS

FISH

INVERTEBRATES

REPTILES

AMPHIBIANS

ANIMALS

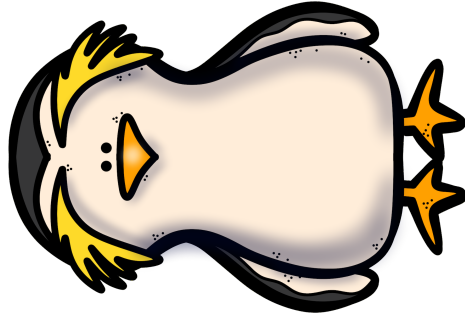
Animal Groups Tags

Animal Classification Cards

#1



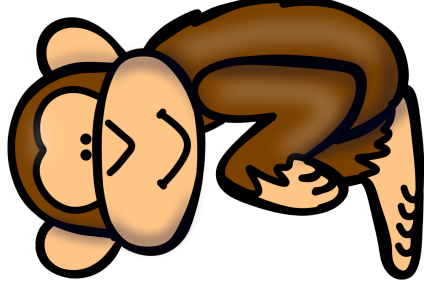
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Penguin



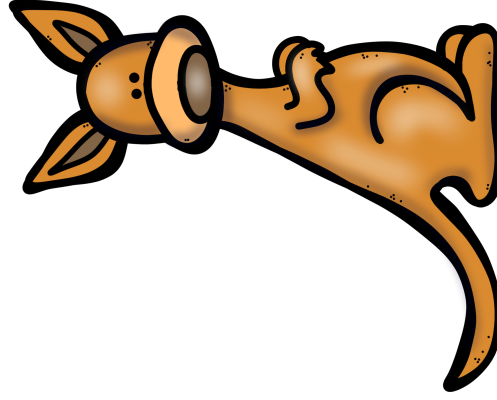
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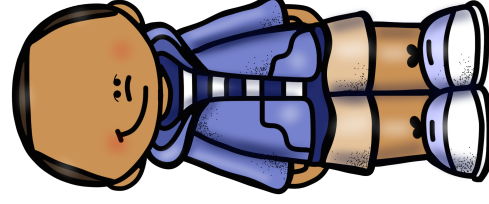
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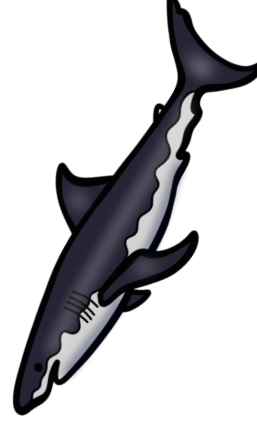
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Kangaroo



Human



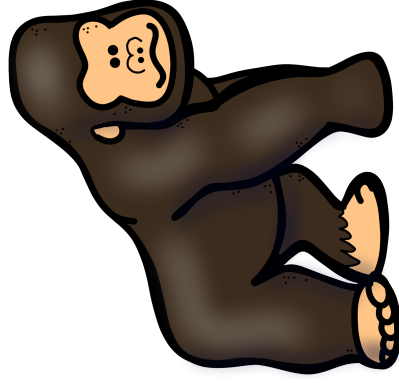
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Animal Classification Cards

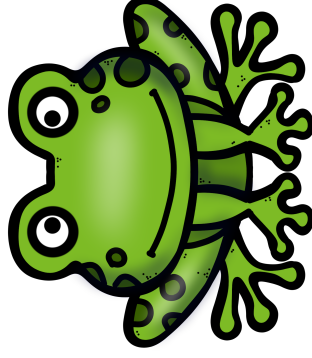
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Clownfish



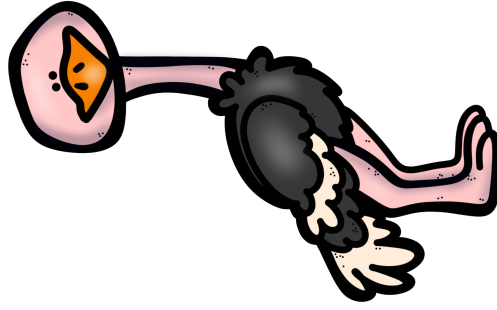
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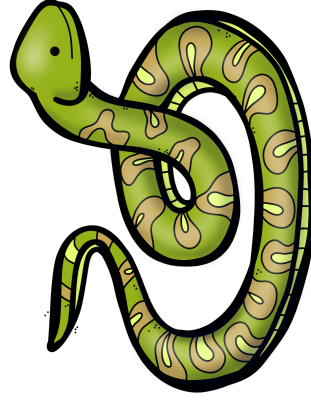
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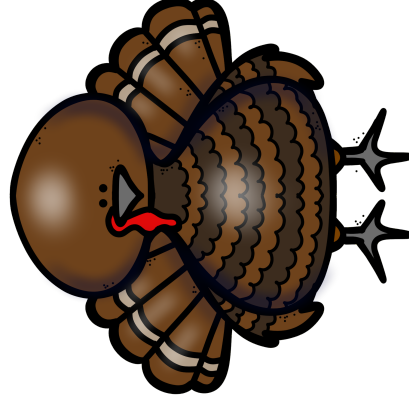
Rabbit



Ostrich



Snake



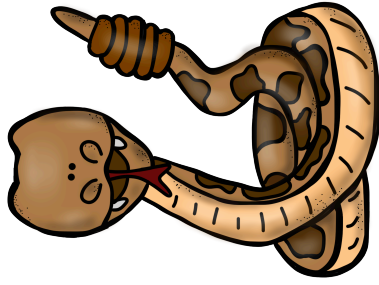
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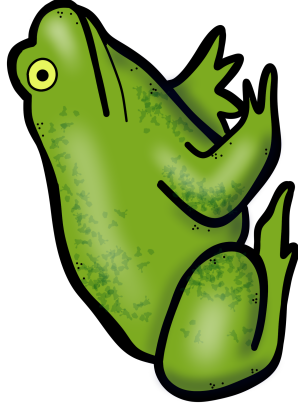
Turtle

Animal Classification Cards

#3



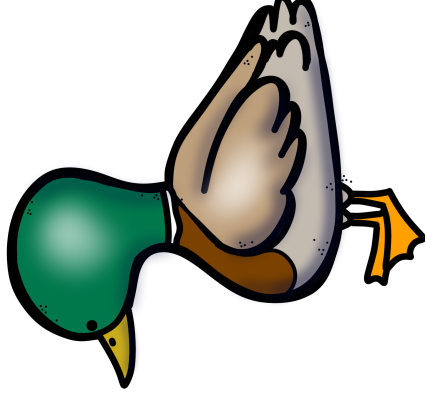
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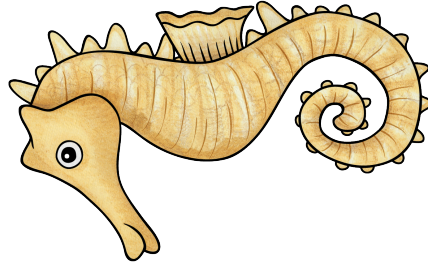
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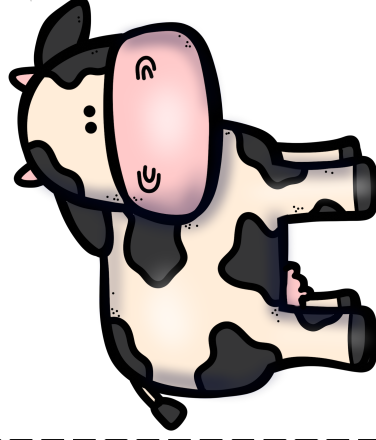
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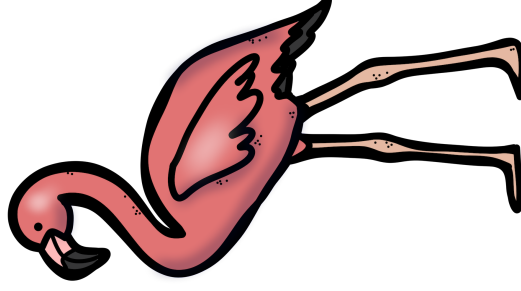
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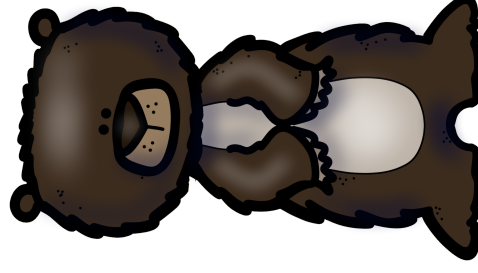
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Cow



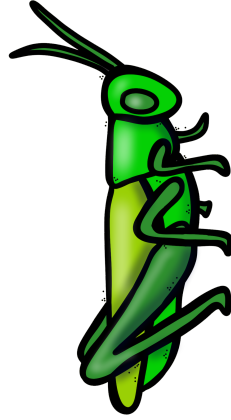
Flamingo



Bear

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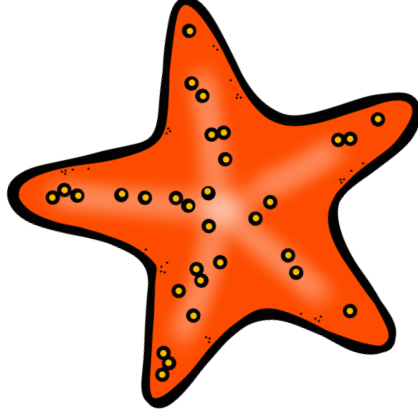
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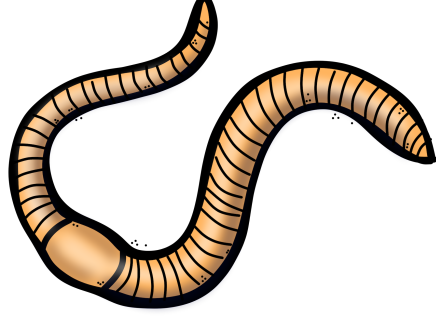
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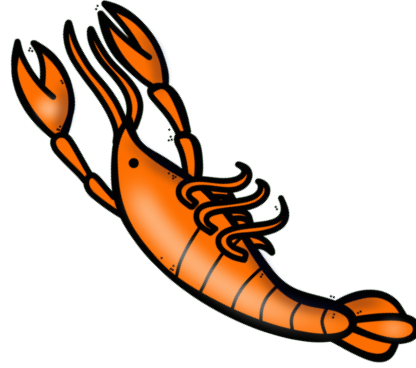
Butterfly



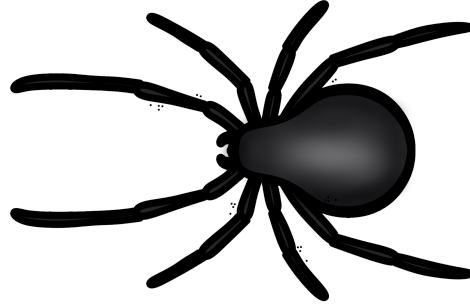
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Worm



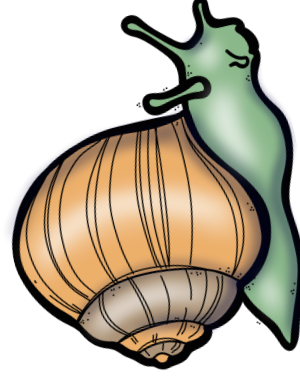
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Spider



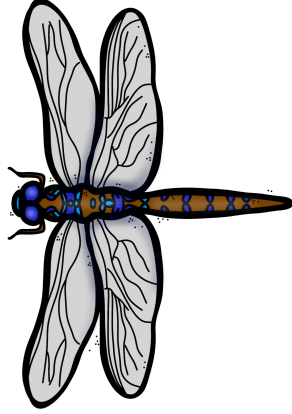
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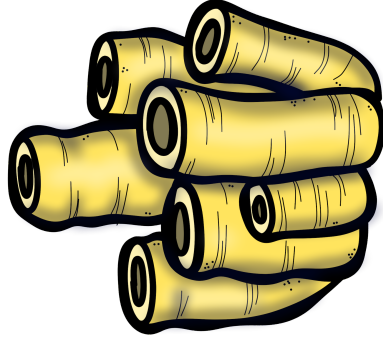
Snail

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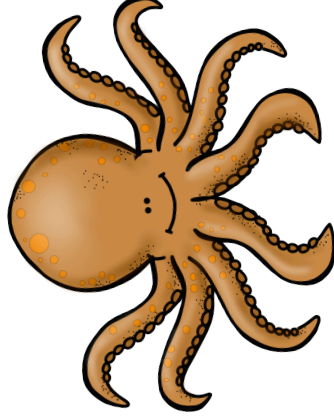
#5



Dragonfly



Sea sponge



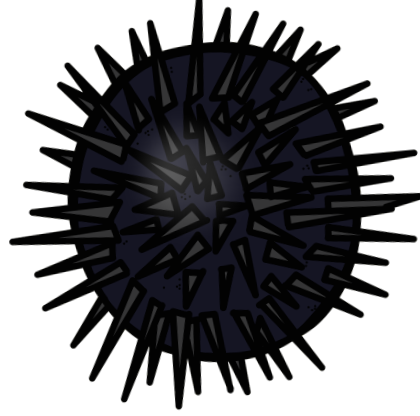
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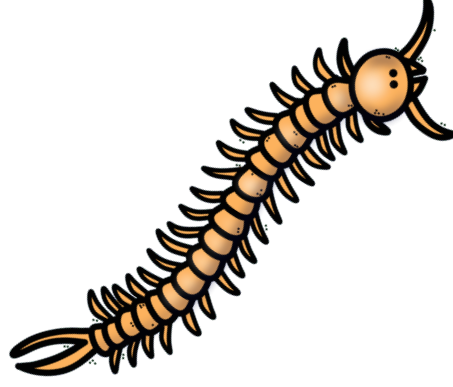
Bumblebee



Scorpion



Sea urchin



Centipede



Crab