

LO: To understand that animals can be grouped in many ways

As we know, all animals can be separated into groups, this is called classification. We can examine an animal's features and use these to classify the animal. But what happens when animals from different groups share features?

A Penguin has two legs, is warm blooded and breathes air, but why isn't it a mammal?



*A penguin is not a mammal because it lays eggs and doesn't give birth to its young.*

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A toad can live on land, has ear holes and lays eggs, but why isn't it a reptile?



A dolphin lives in water, has flippers and eats fish, but why isn't it a fish?



Imagine you are an explorer travelling in an unknown part of the world. You discover an animal that no one has ever seen before.

Draw the new animal and label it's features. What group does your new animal belong to? Be as imaginative as you like but remember to think carefully about classification and the features your animal needs to have.

Create your animal in any way you like!