



Exceptions to the rules

Some animals are a bit unusual and don't have the same features as the rest of their group.

Carry out some research on these animals to find out what is unusual about these animals.

Duck billed platypus (Mammal)



Green tree gecko (Reptile)

Sand tiger shark (Fish)



Animal groups





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We can put animals into different groups using lots of different features. One way s to use their coverings.



Animals that have fur or hair all over their bodies are called **Mammals**.



Animals that have feathers all over their bodies are called **Birds**



Animals that have dry scales all over their bodies are called **Reptiles**

Animals that have wet scales all over their bodies are called **Fish**.



Your favourite animals

Either write a description or draw a picture of your favourite animal from each of the groups

Mammal

Bird

Reptile

Fish



Animal groups around the zoo



1. My name is Jak the otter, I have fur and I have webbed feet like a duck. I have warm blood and spend time both in and out of the water.

What animal group do I belong to?

MAMMAL AMPHIBIAN
REPTILE

2. Find the White Cheeked Gibbon. Do they have...

FEATHERS FUR SCALES

3. Derek the Easton Water Dragon wants to know if he is warm blooded or cold blooded?

WARM COLD



4. My name is Olivia, I am the biggest bird in the world, and lay the biggest eggs too. What am I? _____

5. Find 2 black and white mammals at Wellington Zoo
_____ and _____

6. I am the fastest land mammal, I reach speeds of up to 112kmph, what animal am I?



7. Hi I'm Bruce the Blue Tongue Skink, I belong to the group of animals that have dry scales all over our bodies. This group is called R_____



Name two other R_____

1. _____

2. _____

8. My name is Barry, I am a species of Bat called the Little Red Flying Fox. I have fur and give birth to live babies, but I also have wings, am I a bird or a mammal?

BIRD MAMMAL

9. Find your teacher or group leader, Do you think they are a type of Mammal?

YES NO

10. My name is Sean the Malayan Sun Bear, I belong to the group of animals that have fur, warm blood and feed milk to their babies. This group is called M_____



11. My name is Zahara, I am the tallest land mammal, what am I and how tall can I grow? _____



Animal Coverings

As you go around the zoo try and identify which animals have these coverings.







Making babies

Circle the groups of animals that lays eggs to have babies.

Fish

Mammal

Bird

Reptile

One group just gives birth to live babies. Circle which group it is.

Fish

Mammal

Bird

Reptile

For each of the animals below write whether they lay eggs or have babies

