

Living Things and their Habitats

I can use a classification key to identify plants or animals

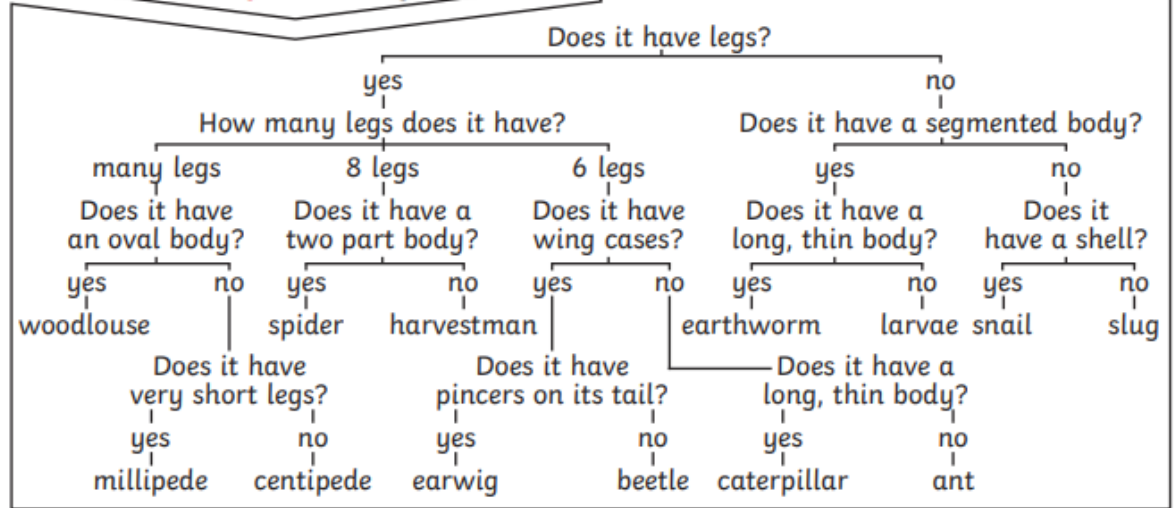


Vertebrates can be separated into five broad groups.

You can use **classification** keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things. Here is an example of a **classification** key:

You could sort **invertebrates** you might see around school in different ways, such as in this example. The vast majority of living things on the planet are **invertebrates**.

Invertebrate Classification Key



Key Vocabulary	Definition
Environment	An environment contains many habitats and these include areas where there are both living and non-living things
Deforestation	The action of clearing a wide area of trees
Human impact	Humans affect the environment in positive and negative ways. Cutting down trees and littering have a negative effect on ani-
Nature reserves	A protected area for wildlife
Ecologically planned	To think about the impact of our actions and activities on our environment and the ecosystems around us when planning
Habitat	The specific area or place in which particular animals or plants may live.
Vertebrates	An animal with a backbone or spinal column, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes.
Invertebrates	An animal lacking a backbone, such as an arthropod, mollusc, annelid, coelenterate, etc