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Amazing

All animals can breathe and move, but they're different in many amazing ways. Here, we look at how they are the same and how they are different. This helps us put them into groups.

Birds



feathers

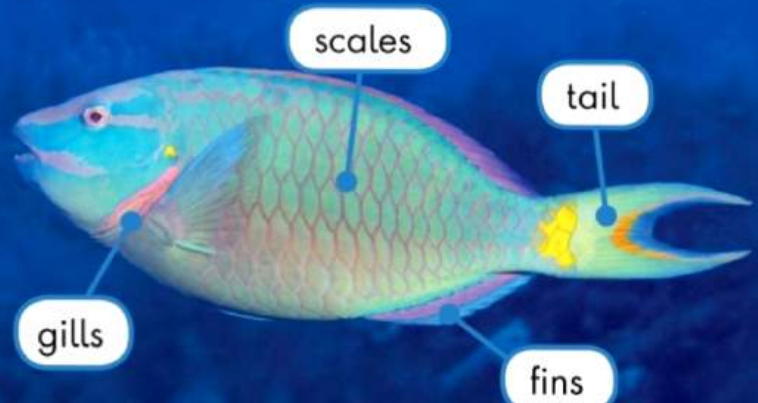


wings

All birds have two legs, two **wings**, and **feathers**, and most birds can fly. The wings and feathers help them fly, and the feathers help keep them warm. Birds lay **eggs** with hard shells. They keep the baby birds inside safe from animals that want to eat them.

Fish

Fish have **gills** to help them breathe in water. **Scales** all over their bodies help keep them safe from dangerous fish that want to bite them. They don't have legs, but their fins and tails help them swim. Fish lay their eggs in water, and their eggs are soft.



Think How are fish different from birds?

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Animals

Amphibians

Amphibians are very interesting because they can live on land and in water. Amphibians need to have wet skin, so they live in wet places. They lay their soft eggs in water. They have gills when they're young and the gills help them breathe in water. Most amphibians, like frogs, have legs that help them walk and jump on land.



wet skin

legs

Think How are amphibians the same as fish?

Mammals



fur

Think How are mammals different from amphibians?

Some mammals live on land and some live in water. Whales are water mammals, and cats, rabbits, and lions are land mammals. Hair or fur covers most land mammals' bodies and this helps keep them warm. People are mammals too! Mammals don't lay eggs. Their babies drink milk from their mothers.

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A Read the text quickly. Answer the questions.

Where do lions live? Where do whales live?

Lions and Whales

In some ways lions and whales are the same, and in some ways they're different.

Lions live on land. They have fur on their bodies to keep them warm. They have four legs and can run fast. Whales live in the ocean. They have skin on their bodies. They don't have legs. They have fins to help them swim.

Think How are lions different from whales?



Lions and whales are both mammals. They have tails and big teeth. They catch and eat other animals. Their babies are born alive, and they drink milk from their mothers.

Think How are lions the same as whales?