

Wingfield – Spring 1

Knowledge Organiser – Living Things

Key Vocabulary	
organism	' Organism ' is another way to refer to a living thing.
habitat	A habitat is the specific area or place in which particular animals or plants may live.
environment	The environment is the natural world, either as a whole or in a particular area.
species	A species is a group of living things that share enough similarities to be able to breed and produce young capable of breeding.
endangered species	An endangered species is a species that is at risk of extinction.
extinct	' Extinct ' means that a species has no more members alive.
classification	Classification is the process of grouping living things according to their similarities.
warm-blooded	' Warm-blooded ' refers to animals that are able to generate their own body heat.
cold-blooded	' Cold-blooded ' refers to animals that are not able to generate their own body heat.
vertebrate	A vertebrate is an animal that has a spine.
invertebrate	An invertebrate is an animal that does not have a spine.
characteristic	A characteristic is a particular feature or quality that is specific to an individual or species .
metamorphosis	Metamorphosis is the process by which certain animals completely change their appearance and body structure.

Grouping Animals

We can group animals into **five different groups** based on their characteristics.



Fish



Mammal



Reptile



Amphibian



Bird

How else can we group animals?

We can also group animals based on the **types of food** they eat.



Omnivore



Carnivore



Herbivore

We can also **group animals** based on whether they have a **backbone** (spine) or not.

Vertebrates	Invertebrates
dog	slug
cat	snail
human	butterfly
lion	spider
bird	crab
shark	bee
tiger	jellyfish