

Project glossary

amphibian

An animal that has moist skin and lives on land and in water.

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animal

A living thing that grows, breathes, eats, moves, gets rid of waste and has offspring.

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antenna

A long, thin body part on an invertebrate's head that is used to sense the environment.

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beak

The hard, pointy part of a birds' face that contains its mouth and nostrils. Some reptiles and invertebrates also have beaks.

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bird

An animal that has feathers, two wings, two legs and a beak.

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body covering

The covering of an animal, such as fur, feathers, scales, skin or a shell.

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camouflage

The ability to hide or blend in with the surroundings.

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carnivore

An animal that only eats meat.

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claw

A curved nail on the toe of an animal. Also known as a talon.

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ear

A body part used for hearing.



eye

A body part used for seeing.

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feather

One of many soft, waterproof parts that cover a bird's body.

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fin

A flat part that sticks out of a fish's body to help it move and balance.

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fish

An animal that lives in water and has hard scales, gills and fins.

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fur

The thick hair that covers the bodies of some mammals.

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gill

A body part that fish and some amphibians use to breathe underwater.

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group

A number of things that are placed together for their shared features.

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hearing

The ability to hear sounds.

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herbivore

An animal that only eats plants.

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human

A mammal with two arms and two legs that walks in an upright position.

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hunt

To chase and try to catch or kill an animal for food.



invertebrate

An animal that is often small and has a soft body. Some have a hard covering or shell.

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limb

An arm, leg, wing or flipper of an animal.

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mammal

An animal that has fur or hair and four limbs.

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mouth

A body part used for breathing, eating, tasting and communication. Includes the lips, tongue and teeth.

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nose

A body part containing holes called nostrils, used for smelling.

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offspring

The young of a plant or animal.

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omnivore

An animal that eats both meat and plants.

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pet

An animal that humans keep at home as a companion.

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reptile

An animal that has dry, scaly skin and has either four legs or no legs.

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scale

One of many small, flat pieces that cover the skin of fish and reptiles.



sense

The ability to understand the environment, such as sight, smell, touch, taste and hearing.

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shell

An animal’s hard outer body covering that gives it protection.

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sight

The ability to see our surroundings.

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skin

A body part used for sensing touch and also acts as a protective layer.

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smell

The ability to smell a scent or odour.

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tail

A body part that sticks out from the base of an animal’s back.

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teeth

A part of the mouth used for tearing and grinding food.

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tongue

A part of the mouth used for tasting and swallowing food and communication.

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touch

The ability to feel when coming into contact with another object.

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wild animal

An animal that lives outside and finds its own food, shelter and water.

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wing

A body part that is usually used for flying.



Scientific terms glossary

block graph

A type of graph that uses blocks or rectangles to show different amounts.

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Carroll diagram

A way to sort information into a table using 'yes or no' questions.

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instructions

Information about how to do, make or use something.

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investigation

An activity that involves a person studying a subject or problem carefully to learn facts or answer a question. An investigation includes a planning, doing, recording and reviewing stage.

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observe

To watch or look at something carefully.

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record

To write down information, such as numbers, words, measurements or observations in different ways, such as lists, tables, charts or labelled diagrams.

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research

To study a subject to discover new facts or information.

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test

A practical way of finding out about something.

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Venn diagram

A diagram that shows the relationship between two groups of things by using overlapping circles.

