

Animals can be grouped in different ways depending on their characteristics

## KEY VOCABULARY

Species – a groups of similar living things, like humans or dogs!

Characteristics – features that are specific to a species

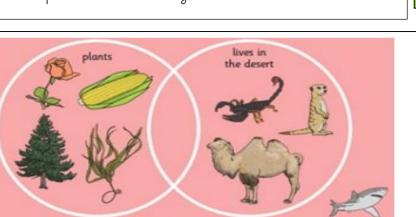
Vertebrates - animals with a backbone

Invertebrates – animals without a backbone

Classification – grouping things based on their characteristics

Classification key – a series of questions used to group living things

Habitat – a place where something lives



Venn diagrams can sort living things into different categories

LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS Living things live in habitats which provide an environment that they are suited to.



Environments can change naturally through flooding, fire, earthquakes etc.

Humans can also change environments. This can be in a positive way (for example, setting up nature reserves), or in a negative way (such as littering and climate change)

Classification keys are used to identify, group and name living things Does is have legs? Yes No Is it a vertebrate? Does it live in the water? No Yes Yes No Is it black? Can it fly? Does it have gills? Does it have a shell? No Yes Yes Yes Yes