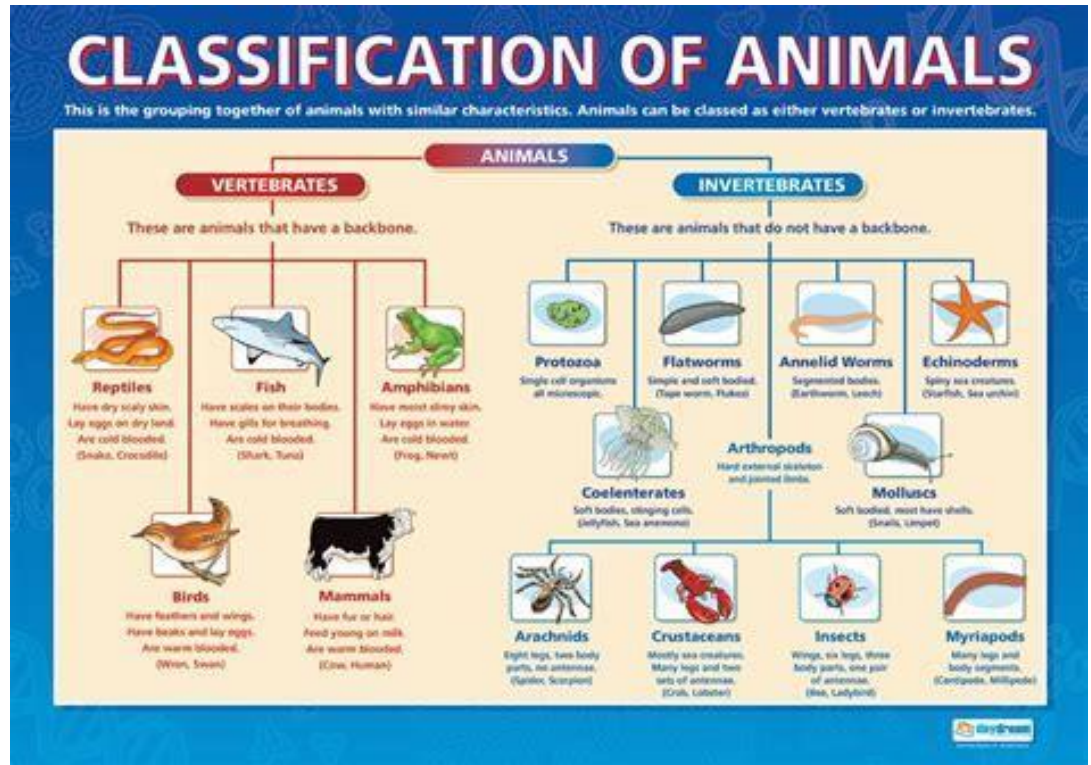


What's in a Name?

Common names



Names

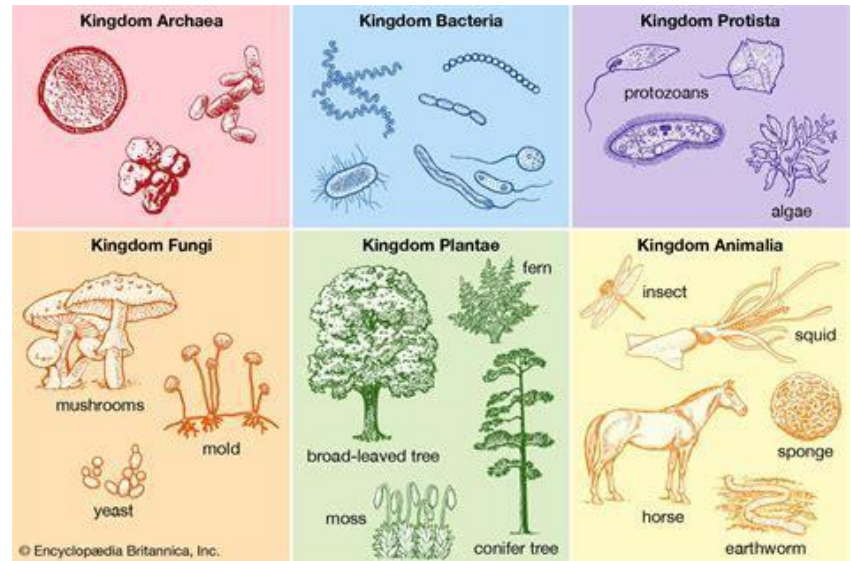
Living things have scientific names—Genus (upper case) and species (lower case)—this is called binomial nomenclature.

And common names—popular, everyday names.

Scientific names are unique whereas common names may be applied to multiple plants or animals, and an organism can have multiple common names.

Gaillardia pulchella is known as firewheel and Indian blanket.

“Daddy longlegs” is applied to at least 3 different arthropods—Opiliones, crane flies and cellar spiders.



Why do you think these common names were used?

Armadillo—

Armored pig

Pocket dinosaur

Tactical possum

Texas speed bump

Raccoon—trash panda



What images do the common names bring up?

Coyote—

American jackal

Prairie wolf

Brush wolf

Yodel dog

Mountain lion—

Catamount

Cougar

Ghost cat

Puma



Can you make up names for these birds?

American coot—

Mud hen

Pouldeau

American goldfinch—

Goldie

King Harry

Draw-water



What is the history behind these names?

Crested caracara--Mexican eagle

Great blue heron—

Gilly whomper

Marsh hen

Shag poke

Turkey vulture—

Buzzard

Turkey buzzard



Sung to *Clementine*



Naming creatures (pretend writing)

Nomenclature

All the things to see in nature. (pointing to eyes)

Gilly whomper, armored pig,

All the critters small or big! (hands together, hands wide apart)





Thinking about how
we group and name
living things