

Types of Animals

Scientists sort all the types of animals that live on Earth into groups, according to their similarities. In the Kingdom of Animalia, there are many groups (phyla), and the children will learn about the names and organization as they get older. These are some of the groups of animals that capture the interest and imagination of young children.

1. Invertebrates (animals without a backbone)

- a. Echinoderms, such as starfish
- b. Annelids, such as earthworms
- c. Mollusks, such as octopus
- d. Arthropods
 - i. Crustaceans, such as crabs
 - ii. Arachnids, such as spiders
 - iii. Insects

2. Vertebrates (animals with a backbone)

- a. Chordates
 - i. Fish
 - ii. Amphibians, such as frogs
 - iii. Reptiles, such as crocodiles
 - iv. Birds
 - v. Mammals
 - 1. Marsupials, such as kangaroos
 - 2. Primates, such as gorillas
 - 3. Rodents, such as mice
 - 4. Cetaceans, such as whales
 - 5. Carnivores, such as wolves