

**Lesson Outline**

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**LESSON 2****Classifying Organisms****A. Classifying Living Things**

1. There have been many different ideas about how to \_\_\_\_\_ living things.
2. Aristotle placed all organisms into two large groups—plants and \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Determining Kingdoms**

1. Carolus Linnaeus placed all organisms into two main \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In 1969 an American biologist proposed a five-kingdom system for classifying organisms that included kingdoms Monera, Protista, \_\_\_\_\_, Fungi, and Animalia.

**C. Determining Domains**

1. The current system used for classifying \_\_\_\_\_ is called systematics. Systematics uses all the \_\_\_\_\_ that is known about organisms to classify them.
2. Organisms are classified into one of three \_\_\_\_\_—Bacteria, Archaea, and Eukarya—and then into one of six \_\_\_\_\_.

**D. Scientific Names**

1. When Linnaeus grouped organisms into kingdoms, he also developed a system for naming organisms. His system of \_\_\_\_\_ gives each organism a two-word scientific name, such as *Ursus arctos* for a brown bear.
2. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is a group of organisms that have similar traits and produce fertile offspring.
3. In a scientific name, the first word is the organism's \_\_\_\_\_, such as *Ursus*.
4. The second word in a scientific name identifies the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Similar species are grouped into one \_\_\_\_\_. Similar genera are grouped into \_\_\_\_\_ and then into orders, classes, phyla, kingdoms, and domains.
6. Each species has its own \_\_\_\_\_, which is the same all over the world.

## Lesson Outline continued

### E. Classification Tools

1. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is a series of descriptions arranged in pairs that can be used to identify an unknown organism. The chosen description leads to another pair of descriptions or to the identification of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is a branched diagram that shows the relationships among organisms. New characteristics appear before each \_\_\_\_\_.

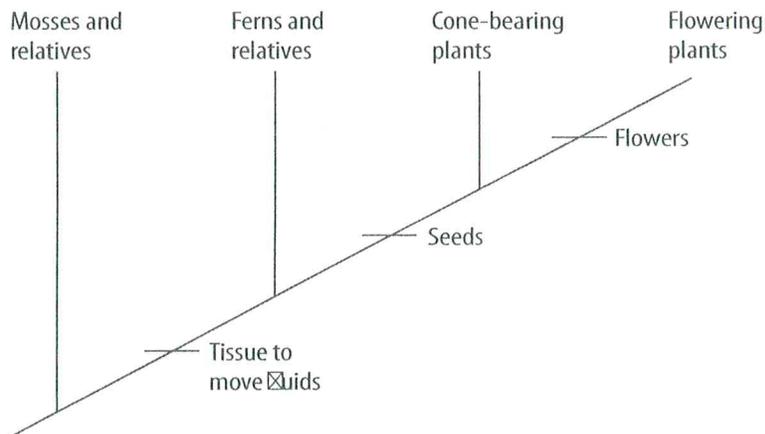
## Scientific Names

**Directions:** Use your textbook to answer each question or respond to each statement.

1. **Research** to find the scientific name for each of the organisms listed below. Write each name in the table.

Organism	Scientific Name
Galápagos tortoise	a.
Labrador retriever	b.
Giant sequoia	c.

2. Look at the cladogram shown below. According to the cladogram, which plants are flowering plants most closely related to?



**Content Practice A**

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### Classifying Organisms

**Directions:** On each line, write the term from the word bank that correctly completes each sentence. Some terms may be used more than once.

binomial nomenclature    cladogram    dichotomous key    domains    genus  
kingdoms    scientific name    species    systematics

1. Based on similar structures, Linnaeus classified all organisms into two \_\_\_\_\_.
2. As more discoveries were made, Whittaker proposed classifying organisms into five \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The current system of classifying organisms uses molecular analysis and is called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The current system classifies organisms into three \_\_\_\_\_ and six \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Scientists still use Linnaeus's naming system called \_\_\_\_\_ to give each species a name.
6. *Ursus arctos* is the \_\_\_\_\_ for a brown bear.
7. *Ursus* is the brown bear's \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The word *arctos* is the brown bear's \_\_\_\_\_ name.
9. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a series of questions that helps you identify an unknown organism.
10. A branched diagram called a \_\_\_\_\_ can help you understand the relationships among organisms.

**Key Concept Builder** 

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## Classifying Organisms

**Key Concept** What methods are used to classify living things into groups?

**Directions:** Use the terms from the word bank to answer each question on the lines provided. Some terms may be used more than once.

**Animalia**      **Archaea**      **Bacteria**      **Eukarya**  
**Fungi**      **Plantae**      **Protista**

1. Which terms are the names of domains?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Which terms are the names of kingdoms?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Which four terms represent organisms in the same domain?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Put a check mark on the line before each item in this list that is used to classify organisms.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. cell types
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. number of organisms
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. habitats
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. how they obtain food and energy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. amount of blood
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. common ancestry
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. molecular analysis
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. age of organisms

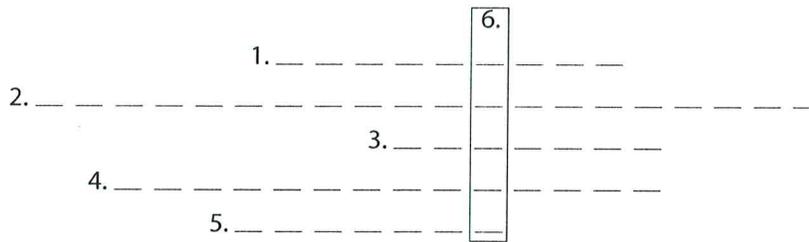
**Content Vocabulary**

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**Classifying Organisms**

**Directions:** Use the clues and the terms listed below to complete the puzzle. Then on each line, write the term from the word bank that correctly completes each sentence.

- |                              |                  |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| <b>binomial nomenclature</b> | <b>cladogram</b> | <b>dichotomous key</b> |
| <b>genus</b>                 | <b>kingdom</b>   | <b>species</b>         |



1. A diagram called a \_\_\_\_\_ shows the relationships among organisms.
2. The system of \_\_\_\_\_ gives every organism a two-word scientific name.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the classification category above phylum and below domain.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ can be used to identify an unknown organism.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a group of organisms that have similar traits and produce fertile offspring.
6. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a group of similar species.

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