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Kinds of animals

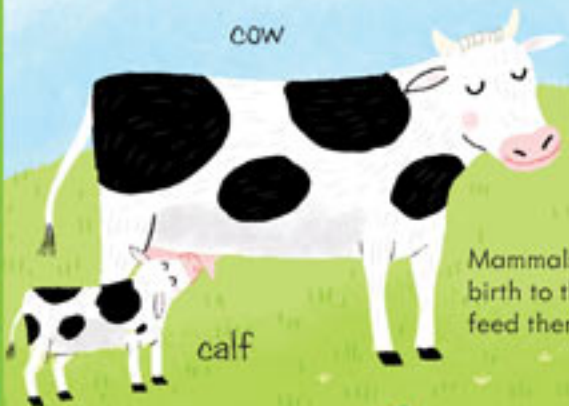
There are millions of animals in the world, from tiny bugs to huge whales, but they all fit into groups.



bird

Birds have feathers, wings and beaks and lay eggs. Find out more on page 16.

cow



calf

Mammals such as cows give birth to their babies and feed them on their milk.

Bugs and insects are animals too. There's more about them on pages 18 and 19.



insect

Lizards, snakes and other reptiles have dry, scaly skin. Most lay eggs.



snake

Fish and many other animals live in water. Find out more on pages 22 and 23.



fish

frogspawn



frog

Amphibians such as frogs have soft, damp skin and lay squishy eggs in water.

The six main animal groups

Amphibians



frog



toad



salamander

Birds



flamingo



toucan



penguin

Insects



grasshopper



fly



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Mammals



whale



tiger



sheep

Fish



shark



goldfish



stingray

Reptiles



slow worm



gecko



chameleon

The deep dark sea

The further down you go in the sea, the colder and darker it gets. Different kinds of plants and animals live in each layer or 'zone'.

All sorts of fish, dolphins and whales live in the sunlit zone, along with all the plants.

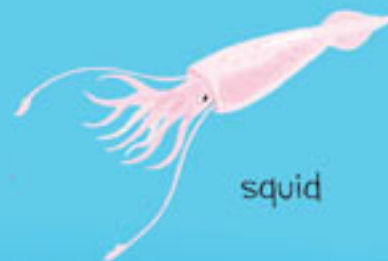


Seabirds dive into the water to catch fish.



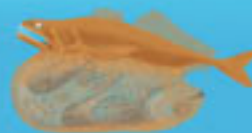
sunlit zone

This is the twilight zone. It only gets a little light, but some kinds of sea animals live here.



twilight zone

In the sunless zone, it's dark and the water is just above freezing. Only a few kinds of animals live here.



sunless zone

The abyssal zone is icy cold and dark all the time. Some strange fish live down here.



abyssal zone

What is nature?

Nature is all the living things on the Earth. Trees, plants, animals, birds, fish and bugs are all part of nature, and so are you.



squirrel

bird

There's lots to see if you go for a walk in the autumn.

fallen leaves

toadstools

web

Look for all the things that live on an old rotting log.

Make a nature table

These are the kinds of things you could collect to put on a nature table.



A snail lived in this shell.



This leaf may have been nibbled by insects.



This feather comes from a bird called a wood pigeon.



Moss is a plant that can grow in damp, shady places.



A dormouse made a hole in this nutshell.



These catkins are the flowers of a birch tree.



These are the leaf buds of a tree.



Pine cones come from pine trees and may have pine seeds in them.



The crispy stuff growing on this twig is called lichen.



This bark comes from the trunk of a silver birch tree.



A baby bird hatched out of this broken eggshell.

