

DICHOTOMOUS KEY or IDENTIFICATION KEY ACTIVITY

First, one member of the group chooses an animal from the list, but don't tell the other person!



Now the other person will start asking the questions starting from the number 1.

Depending if the answer is yes or no you have to go to the next step.

For example:

In the question 1, you must ask the other person if the animal flies.

If the answer is yes, you know is a bat, but if the animals does not fly, you must continue to step 2.

The ones that guess the other person's animal, wins!

1.

a. The mammal flies. **It is a bat.**

b. The mammal does not fly..... **Go to step 2.**

2.

a. The mammal has no hair on its tail. **Go to step 3.**

b. The mammal has some hair on its tail..... **Go to step 4.**

3.

a. The mammal has a short tail. **It is a mole.**

b. The mammal has a long tail. **Go to step 5.**

4.

a. The mammal has black spots on the eyes. **It is a raccoon.**

b. The mammal does not have black spots on the eyes. **Go to step 6.**

5.

a. The mammal has a tail that is shaped like a paddle. **It is a beaver.**

b. The mammal has a tail that is long and thin. **It is an opossum.**

6.

a. The mammal is white. **Go to step 7.**

b. The mammal is not white. **Go to step 8.**

7.

a. The mammal has a long, thin body. **It is a weasel.**

b. The mammal has a small, compact body. **It is a mouse.**

8.

a. The mammal has black and white stripes. **It is a skunk.**

b. The mammal does not have black and white stripes. **Go to step 9.**

9.

a. The mammal has long ears. **It is a rabbit.**

b. The mammal has short ears. **It is a woodchuck.**