

My name: _____

VERTEBRATE ANIMALS

1. What is the main characteristic of the vertebrate animals?

2. Match the correct kind of vertebrate with its characteristic.

Fish	Animals that have a smooth skin. They start life in the water and then live on land as an adult. Hatch from eggs. At first breathe through gills and then breathe air with their lungs. They are oviparous. Examples: Frogs and salamander.
Birds	Animals that have scales, claws on their feet and smooth skin. Some lay eggs; others give birth to live young. Breathe with lungs. They are oviparous. Examples: snakes, lizards and turtles.
Amphibians	Animals that have hair or fur. Give birth to live young and feed them with milk. Breathe air with their lungs. Most are viviparous. Examples: dog, cat, whales.
Reptiles	Animals that have feathers, wings and lay eggs. Live on land and in the air. They breathe through lungs. They are oviparous. Hatch from eggs. Examples: Eagle, penguin and parrot.
Mammals	Animals that live in water. They have scales, fins and lay eggs. Breathe through gills, do not have lungs. Most of them are oviparous. Examples: shark and seahorses.

3. Write next to the animal if it is an Amphibian, bird, fish, mammal or reptile.

Snake _____	Cat _____
Monkey _____	Owl _____
Angel fish _____	Anaconda _____
Alligator _____	Lizard _____
Whale _____	Dog _____
Parrot _____	Fish _____
Gorilla _____	Toad _____
Zebra _____	Goldfish _____

4. Write I if the statement is True and write F if the statement is False.

- a. A cat is a mammal. _____
- b. A fish has gills. _____
- c. Mammals have fur or hair. _____
- d. Reptiles lay eggs. _____
- e. Vertebrates can be divided into five groups. _____
- f. A dolphin is a fish. _____

5. Complete the chart.

	Breathe	Skin	Reproduction
Mammal			
Reptiles			
Bird			
Fish			
Amphibian			