




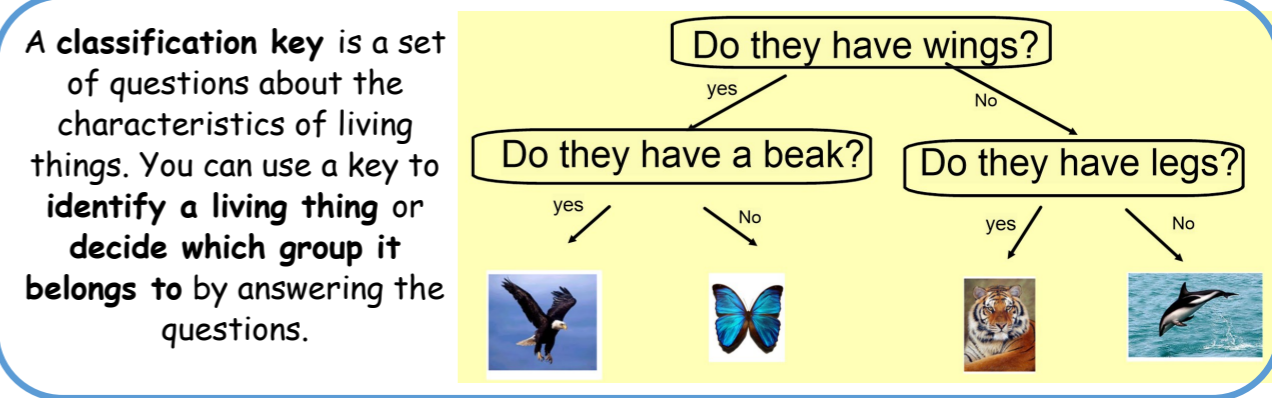


Living things and their habitats

vocabulary	definition
habitat	The natural home of a living thing.
environment	All the physical surroundings on Earth, including living and non-living things.
classification	Grouping living things by looking at similarities and differences.
vertebrate	An animal which has a backbone
invertebrate	An animal which does not have a backbone
 mammal	A warm blooded, vertebrate with hair or fur, which feeds milk to their young.
 fish	A cold-blooded vertebrate with gills and fins which lives in water.
 bird	A warm blooded vertebrate which has feathers, wings, a beak and lays eggs.
 amphibian	A cold blooded vertebrate which has gills and lives in water but can also go on land.
 reptile	Mostly cold blooded, covered in scales or have a bony exterior like a shell. Nearly all reptiles lay eggs.

Habitats are the **natural home** of a living thing and they provide food, shelter and a **safe place to raise their young**.
Micro-habitats are small, specific home environments e.g. **individual trees, a pond or under a rock**.



Changes in the environment affect living things.
 Some changes are **natural**, such as **earthquakes** and **weather erosion**.
 Some changes are **made by humans**, such as **pollution** and **deforestation**.
 Many of the man made changes are **harmful** to the living things and their habitats.

