



## Animal observation worksheet

1. What are YOUR names for the animals in the boxes? What do you call them? (The only wrong answer is no answer!)

Animal	Name(s)
A	
B	
C	
D	
E	
F	

- 1a. Do you have a name for the group that all these animals are in? For example, lions, tigers, and your house cat are all in a group we call "cats." What do we call this group of animals?

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2. Are the animals in your box different from each other? \_\_\_\_\_

- 2a. How can you tell them apart? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. For each animal, list 2 **characteristics** (*things that describe them*) of that help you tell it apart from the others. Two examples are filled out to get you started!

Animal	characteristic 1	characteristic 2
A		
B	only one pair of wings	
C		
D		
E		hairy
F		

4. Pick two animals from the box and draw them. Make sure you draw the characteristics that help you tell them apart. Label as many characteristics as you can. You can use a magnifying glass if you need to.

5. List three characteristics that are the SAME for both animals, and three that are DIFFERENT between them. (Example Hint: do your animals have the same number of legs?) For different characteristics, be specific in saying WHAT is different about them.

Shared characteristics	Different characteristics