NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM

WHALES GIANTS OF THE OCEAN

Lesson 3.1 - Animal Classification

Classification Table

Teacher Key

FEATURES	Fish	Amphibians	Reptiles	Birds	Mammals
Backbone	x	x	x	x	х
Fins or flippers	х				x
Lay eggs in water	x	х			
Lay eggs on land or in a nest			х	x	
Give birth to live young					х
Scales	x		x		
Hair/fur and smooth skin					х
Damp skin	x	х			
Feathers				x	
Feed young				x	x
Feed young with milk					x
Do not care for young	x	х	х		
Gills to breathe	x	х			
Lungs to breathe		х	х	х	х
Live only in the water	x				
Live on the land AND in the water		х			х
Body can keep its temperature the same (warm blooded)				х	x
Body temperature changes with outside temperature (cold blooded)	x	х	x		





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Slide Show Sorting Answer Key

- Amphibian: salamander, tadpoles, tree frog
- <u>Bird</u>: bald eagle, barn owl, brown pelican, chicken, European robin, Magellanic penguin, mallard duck, ostrich
- Fish: American eel, flounder, herring, lionfish
- <u>Mammal</u>: cow, dromedary camel, gibbon, giraffe, gorilla, gray squirrel, grizzly bear, hedgehog, kangaroo, koala, lion, rabbit, rat, red bat, sea lion, sperm whale, tiger, white rhino, white-tailed deer, wolf
- Reptile: alligator, chameleon, green sea turtle, king snake
- <u>Invertebrate</u>: American lobster, ant, butterfly, caterpillar, earthworm, grasshopper, green anemone, housefly, land snail, millipede, necklace sea star, shrimp, tiger beetle, wolf spider



