Backbone: The part of the skeleton which forms the spine.

Bones: Internal scaffold or structure hardened with calcium. Assists with shape, movement, and protection.

Egg: A rounded structure, sometimes with a shell, that young animals grow inside.

Example (e.g.): Illustrates this rule.

Exception: Does not follow this rule.

Feather: Feathers cover the body of birds.

Gills: Used to take oxygen from the water in fish and some amphibians.

Hair: Threadlike strands that grow from our skin.

Laying eggs: Female animal gives birth to rounded shell with young inside. **Leg:** A limb that an animal stands on.

Placenta: Structure in the womb through which a mother gives her young oxygen and energy

Pouch: Part of the body which looks like a pocket on an animal's front.

Scales: Hard plates on the skin.

Shell: A hard protective outer case.

Skin: Natural outer covering of body.

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This activity shows how we can use observations to identify different types of animal by following a 'key'. It does not show their evolutionary relationships. To uncover these scientists use DNA sequences and other observations. Here is a tree showing how we think the different groups of animals are related to one another...

> Coral, Jellyfish and their relatives Molluscs (Gastropods, Cephalopods, Bivalves etc.) Arthropods (Insects, Arachnids, Crustaceans, Myriapods) Mammals Reptiles including Birds Amphibians 'Bony fish' Cartilaginous fish (Sharks, rays, etc.)



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