

Sorting Irish animals by their features

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What you need: Irish wildlife photo cards (robin, frog, hedgehog, snail, salmon, bee) · labelled sorting spaces (A3 paper sheets, trays or hoops) · scrap paper or sticky notes for first-sort reminder · Investigation Journal page

Words to use

Feature · Classify · Sorting rule (criterion)

Our question

Which sorting rule was clearest today, and why does a clear rule help people who study Irish wildlife?

Words to sort

robin · frog · hedgehog · snail · salmon · bee

One visible feature chosen by the group: legs or no legs; wings or no wings; or type of covering

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3

Does this animal show legs on the card?

Does this animal show wings?

What covering can you see: feathers, scales, shell, smooth skin, spines or hard body?

