

Classifying with our own criteria

living-things

Today's job

Choose the criteria you will sort by, then build a branching key another group can follow to name a mystery living thing.

Words to use

classify · criteria · branching key · yes or no · plant / animal · habitat · legs / no legs · diet

Our seven living things

badger, heron, earthworm, bee, fern, oak, frog

The criteria we chose

Question 1 and our first sort

Q1: _____?	Living things in this pile
YES pile	
NO pile	

Copy this shape for your key

Criteria: kind of living thing | Q1: Is it a plant? YES -> Q2: Is it a tree? -> yes: oak / no: fern NO -> Q2: Does it have legs? -> no: earthworm / yes: next question

Our branching key (one full path to named ends)

One question we rewrote so it is easy to answer by looking

Strongest question in our key, and what we would change next time