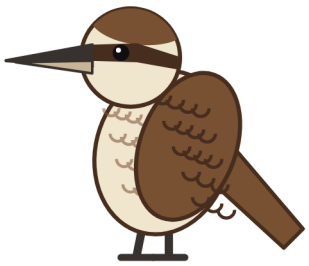
Animal cards and sorting mat

Name: Class:

Cut out the eight animal cards. Look closely at each animal. Then sort the cards into groups on the mat on page 2, using your own rule.

Cut along the dashed lines.



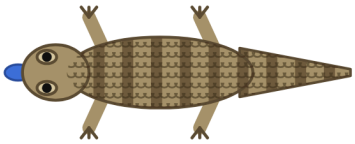
Kookaburra



Emu



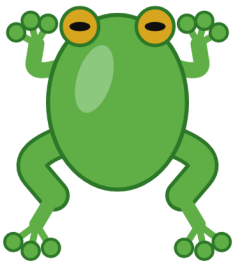
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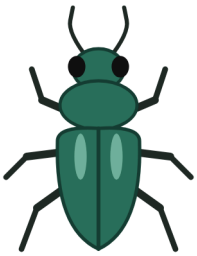
Blue-tongue lizard



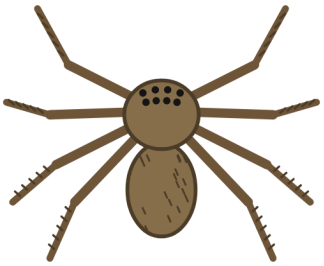
Snake



Green tree frog



Beetle



Huntsman spider

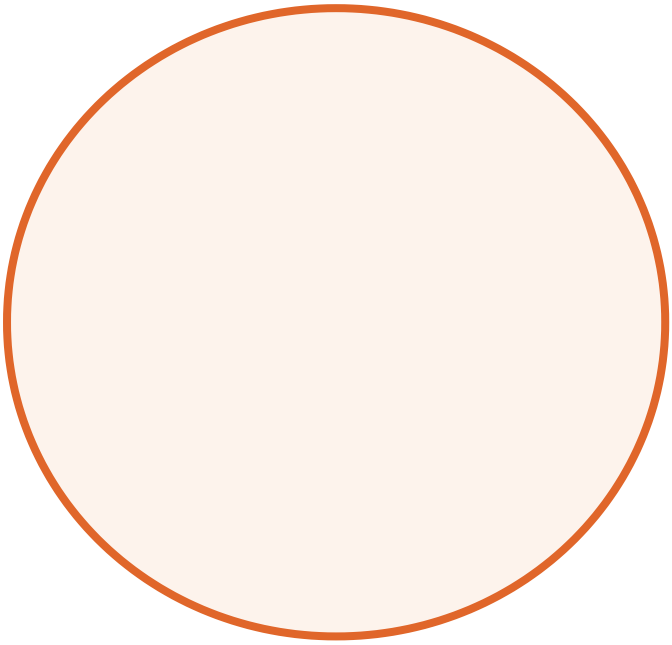
Take care. Your teacher may cut out the cards, or help you to cut them out. Carry scissors with the points down.

SORT Our sorting mat

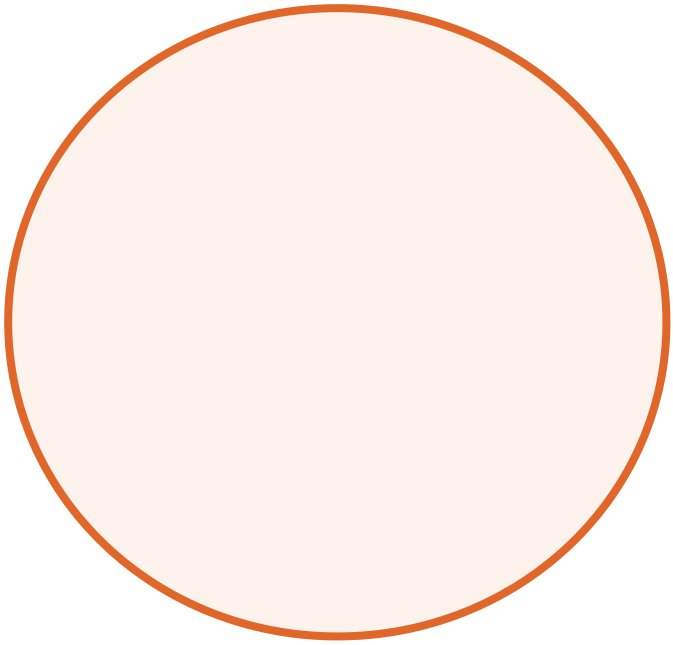
Put each card in a hoop. Write your rule at the top, and a name for each group, or ask your teacher to help.

We sorted by: _____

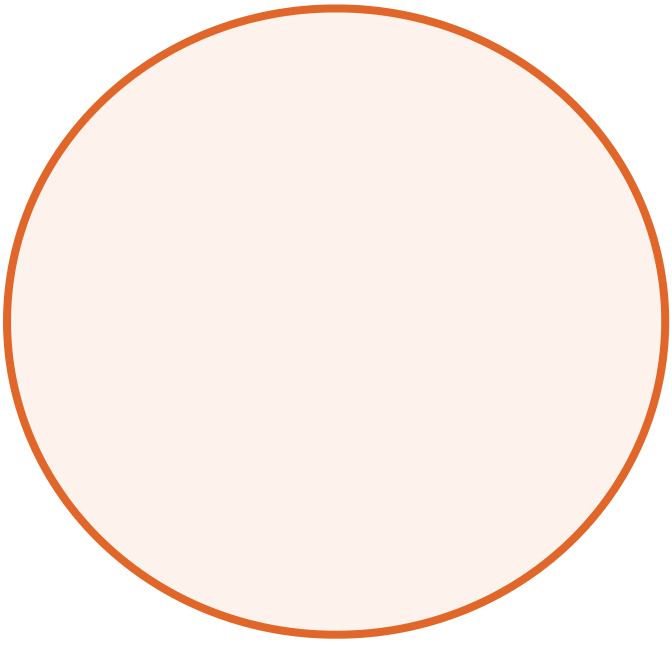
Group: _____



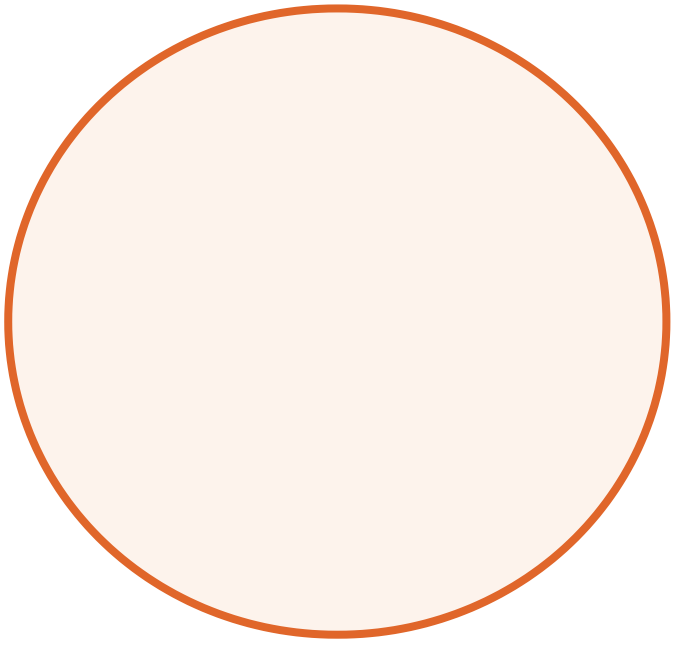
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Which animals are in the same group? Show another pair your groups. Can they guess your rule?

For the teacher: screen 5 sorts the same eight animals by body covering, by legs and by wings. Students can use one of those rules, or one of their own, such as where an animal lives. Leave a hoop empty if the rule needs only two or three groups. Sorting by legs needs five groups, so add a fifth hoop or use a sheet of paper. Print page 1 on card if you can.