

Animal Groups

1st Grade

The five groups every animal belongs to, and the test for each.

Scientists sort animals by their bodies, not by where they live.

Group	Body covering	Example
Mammals	fur or hair	dog, whale, human
Birds	feathers	owl, penguin, robin
Fish	scales, gills	salmon, shark
Reptiles	dry scales	snake, lizard, turtle
Amphibians	damp smooth skin	frog, newt

A whale lives in the sea but has no gills and feeds its young milk — so it is a mammal.