## **Classification of Organisms**

## **Study Guide KEY**

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What is a vertebrate?	An animal with a backbone
List 3 Examples	Humans, elephants, kangaroos, birds, raccoon, mouse, snake, giraffe, cat
What is an invertebrate?	An animal without a backbone
List 3 Examples	Jellyfish, octopus, crab, worms, insects, coral, starfish, snails, sea anemone,
What are the characteristics of each? List three examples of each.	Fish: Breathe with gills, cold-blooded, covered in scales, mostly lay eggs, must live in water, move with fins
	Examples: rainbow fish, clown fish, goldfish, daulphin fish (MahiMahi), bass, blue marlin, trout, pufferfish
	Amphibians: smooth, moist skin, breathe through skin, born with gills, but grow lungs, live on land and water as adults, cold-blooded.
	Examples: frogs, salamanders, toads
	Reptiles: dry, scaly skin, live on land, breathe with lungs, cold-blooded, lay eggs with tough shells. Examples: Komodo dragon, alligator, iguana, tortoise, snake, crocodile, newt Birds: Have feathers, have wings and

	beak, two legs, hollow bones, claws or talons, lay eggs, warm-blooded Examples: woodpecker, hummingbird, parrot, falcon, eagle, flamingo, robin, emu  Mammals: warm-blooded, covered in fur or hair, breathe with lungs, feed young with milk  Examples: humans, tiger, dog, gorilla, hippopotamus, bear
What are the two divisions of plants?	Vascular plants and nonvascular plants
How are nonvascular plants different than vascular plants?	Nonvascular plants soak up water like a sponge and need to be near water. Vascular plants have roots and stems to draw water up from the ground. They can grow taller than nonvascular plants.
What are angiosperms? Give three examples.	Vascular, seeded plants that produce flowers and fruits Examples: apple, corn, lily, cherry tree, rose, tulips, coconut tree
What are gymnosperms? Give three examples.	Vascular, seeded plants that do not produce flowers. Seed rest in woody structures called cones. Examples: pine, fir, spruce, cycads
What are the characteristics of each of the six kingdoms? Give an example of each.	Archaebacteria One celled, no nucleus, can obtain or make food, live in extreme conditions Example: halobacteria
	Eubacteria one celled, no nucleus, can be helpful or harmful,

Protists single or multicelled, have a nucleus, can make or obtain food Examples: algae, slime mold, protozoa
Fungi single or multicelled, have a nucleus, cannot make food, cannot move Examples: mushrooms, yeasts
Plants multicelled, have a nucleus, make their own food
Examples: pine tree, rose, sunflowers, tulips
Animals multicelled, have a nucleus, complex organisms, cannot make food, Examples: humans, dogs, bear, birds, snakes
Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species

Circle the plants that are vascular. Put an X on the ones that are non-vascular.

