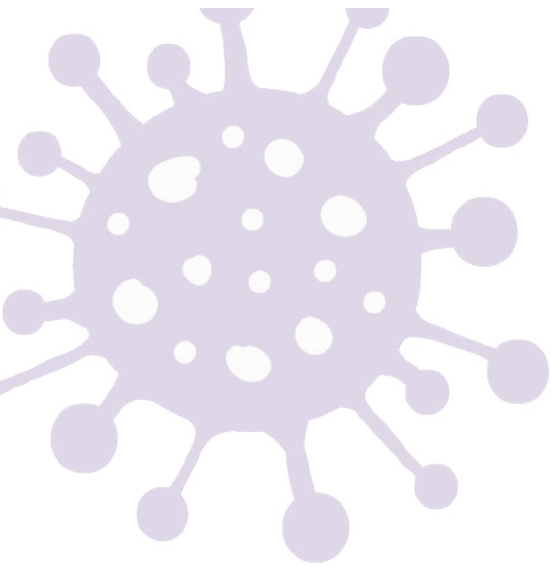




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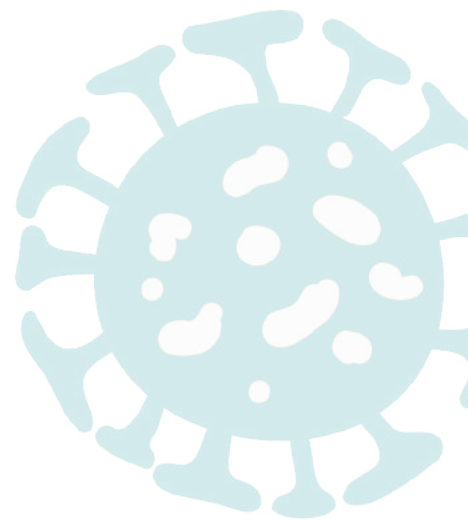
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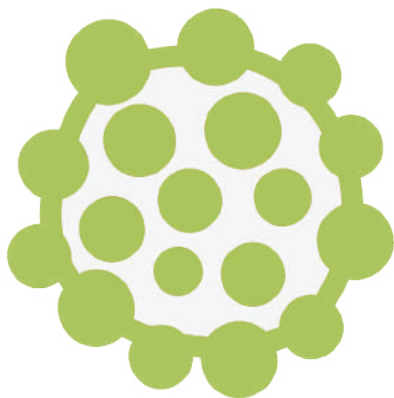
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# Introduction

**M**an has been fascinated by the study of living things since the world began in the Garden of Eden. The study of biology began with the discipline of natural history. Naturalists study the world through observation — they're focused on learning about life through the use of the 5 senses.

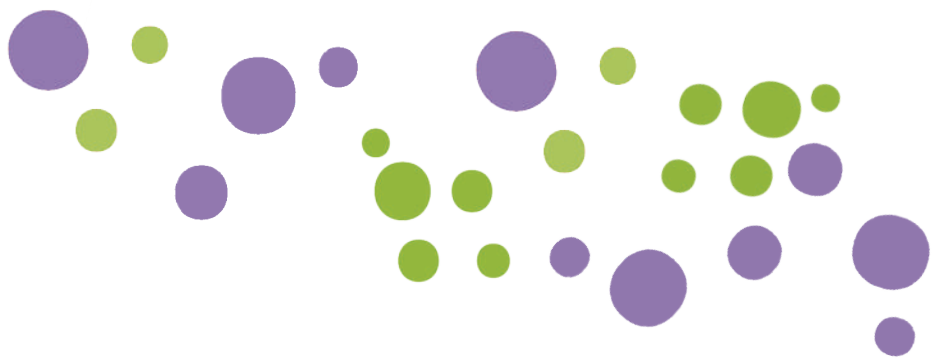
One of the primary focuses of *Experience Biology Elementary* is giving students a taste of what naturalists have been doing for centuries. They'll have the opportunity to explore the world of plants, animals, fungi, bacteria, and protists through observation.

In addition to the online video course, this companion volume guides students through their own exploration of the study of living things. Parents can choose which activities they want to incorporate. After watching each video lesson, parents can...

- Choose books from the reading lists (either to read aloud or assign as independent reading)
- Assign copywork to practice handwriting skills — and learn interesting quotes about biology from the Bible and famous scientists.
- Help their child with hands-on learning activities that will make the lesson come to life!
- Give their kids a short quiz to test what they learned from the lesson.

The lesson cards, used to assist your child in memorizing important biology facts, are sold separately or you may download them as a pdf, included as part of the course.



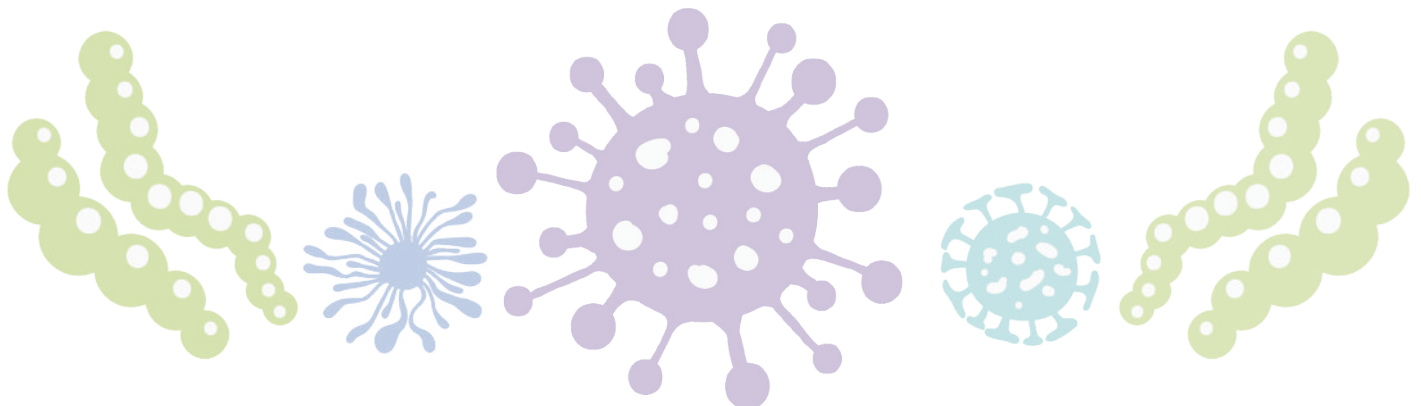


## What is Life?

*Scientists love the idea of searching for life on other planets, but we haven't even finished finding all the life on our own planet—not even close! There are millions of different kinds of living things on Earth, and probably millions more we have yet to discover.*

### Recommended Reading

- 🌿 *What's Smaller than a Pygmy Shrew?* by Robert Wells
- 🌿 *The Biosphere*, by Gregory L. Vogt, Introduction & Chapter 1
- 🌿 Genesis 1:1-2:3





# ACTIVITY

## Is it Alive?

How do you know if something is living? You have to examine its characteristics, of course! In class we talked about 5 characteristics of living organisms. In this activity, you'll examine several items to determine if they're living or not.

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### SUPPLY LIST

- Rock
- Candle flame
- Potted plant
- Yeast in warm water
- Mold growing on bread
- Apple
- Book

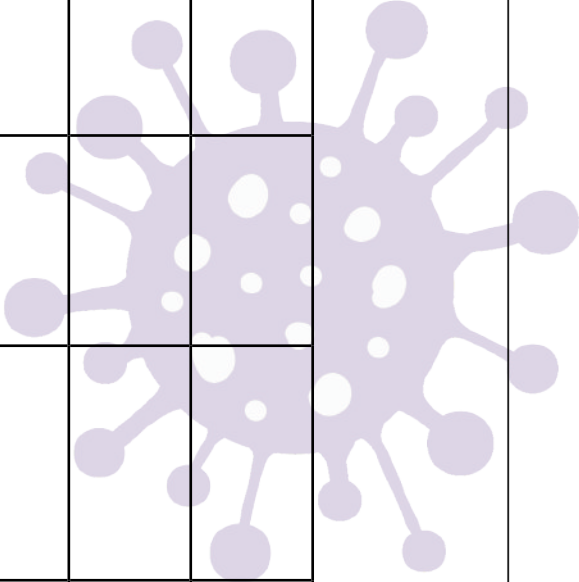
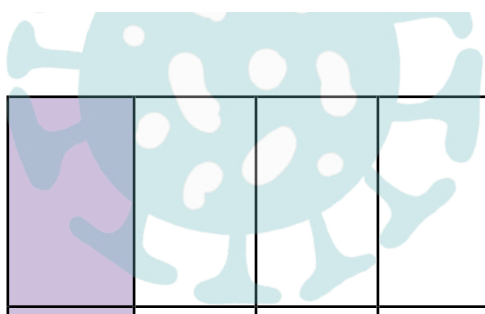
### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Choose at least 5 items from the supply list above to examine. If you choose the candle, be sure to have a parent help you light the wick.
  2. Look at the chart on the next page. Spend time filling in the 5 characteristics of life you learned about from this week's lesson on the left hand side of the table.
  3. Across the top, list the items you've chosen to examine.
  4. Carefully examine each item and consider whether it has each of the characteristics. If it does, put an x in the box; if it doesn't, leave it blank. If you're unsure, ask your parents to help you look for the answer online or in a book.
  5. At the bottom of the page, list the items that you determined are living and those that are not.
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Items you're examining

Characteristics of Life					
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					



What items are living?

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What items are not alive?

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## LESSON 1: GENESIS 1:1

In the beginning, God created the

heavens and the earth.

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### QUESTION:

What are the 5 characteristics of life?



### ANSWER:

(1) Growth (2) Respond to the environment (3) Reproduction  
(4) Require energy (5) Organization in cells

LESSON 1

### GENESIS 1:1-2

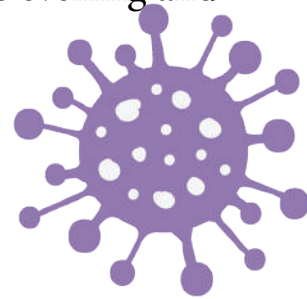
**1** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
**2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.



LESSON 1

## GENESIS 1:3-5

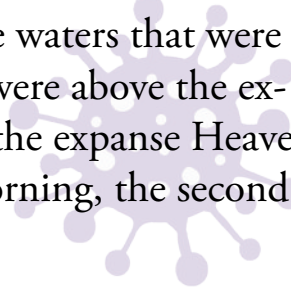
**3** And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.



LESSON 1

## GENESIS 1:6-8

**6** And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” **7** And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. **8** And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.



LESSON 1

## GENESIS 1:9-10

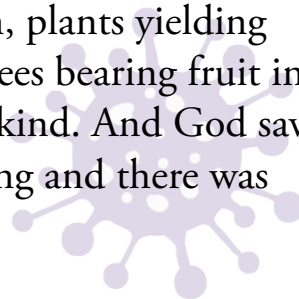
**9** And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.



LESSON 1

## GENESIS 1:11-13

**11** And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.



LESSON 1

## GENESIS 1:14-19

**14** And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. **16** And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. **17** And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, **18** to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

### LESSON 1

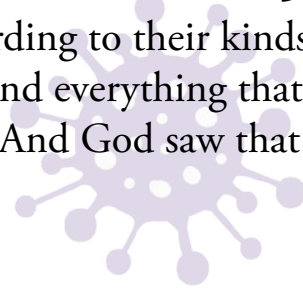
## GENESIS 1:20-23

**20** And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” **21** So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” **23** And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

### LESSON 1

## GENESIS 1:24-25

**24** And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. **25** And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.



LESSON 1

## GENESIS 1:26

**26** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”



LESSON 1

## GENESIS 1:27

**27** So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.



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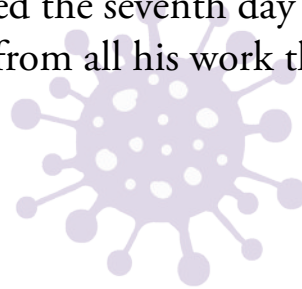
## GENESIS 1:28-31

**28** And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” **29** And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. **30** And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. **31** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

LESSON 1

## GENESIS 2:1-3

**1** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. **2** And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. **3** So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.



LESSON 1



# What is Life?

## Lesson 1 Quiz



1. **Biology is the study of:**

- A) water
- B) sun
- C) life

2. **In Genesis 1, it says God created the earth in:**

- A) 7 days
- B) 6 days
- C) 1 year

3. **Living things grow by:**

- A) getting bigger
- B) worn out cells being replaced with new cells
- C) both

4. **Responding to the environment is not a characteristic of life.**

- True
- False

5. **Living things creating new living things is called:**

- A) reproduction
- B) growth
- C) reorganization

6. **All living things need energy to grow and reproduce.**

- True
- False

7. **Living things contain cells that are:**

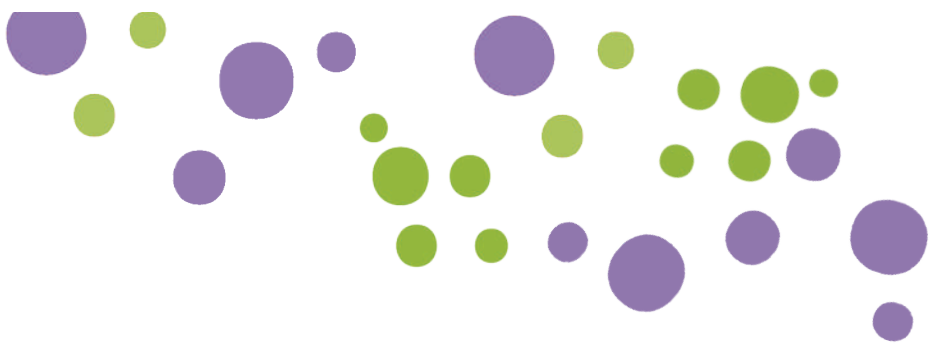
- A) organized
- B) unorganized
- C) divided into rooms

8. **The smallest unit of living things is:**

- A) energy
- B) cell
- C) blood








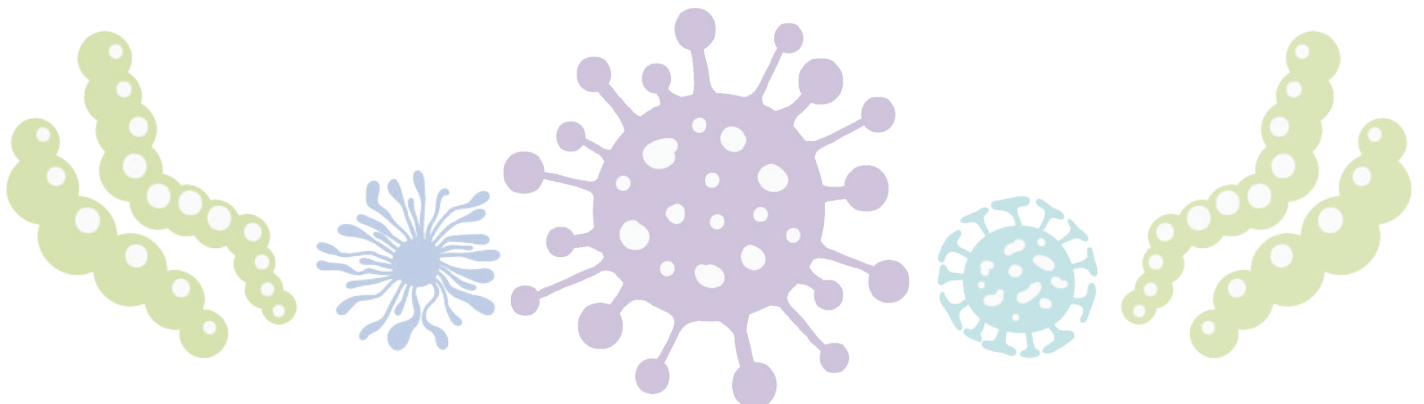


## The Building Blocks of Life

*In order to understand what “life” is, we first have to look at the smallest living thing: the cell. Every living thing has cells—your own body has trillions of cells. They are the smallest, most basic kind of life on Earth.*

### Recommended Reading

-  *The Basics of Cell Life with Max Axiom*, by Amber Keyser, Parts 1 and 2
-  *Enjoy Your Cells*, by Fran Balkwill and Mic Rolph
-  *The Cell Works*, by Patrick A. Baeuerle and Norbert Landa, p. 8-21; 32-33





# ACTIVITY

## Exploring the Amazing World of Cells!

Cells have many more parts than we had time to talk about in class. In this activity, you'll have a chance to look a little more closely at cells and their different parts.

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### SUPPLY LIST

- Colored pencils

### INSTRUCTIONS

Read more about the jobs of the different cell parts below. Color parts as directed.

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### ANIMAL CELL (EUKARYOTIC)

**CYTOPLASM:** the gel-like fluid inside the cell; *color yellow*

**ENDOPLASMIC RETICULUM:** responsible for transporting materials throughout the cell; *color red*

**NUCLEUS:** where the DNA is contained, which is the instruction manual for the cell; *color purple*

**GOLGI APPARATUS:** packages different materials to be taken outside of the cell; *color orange*

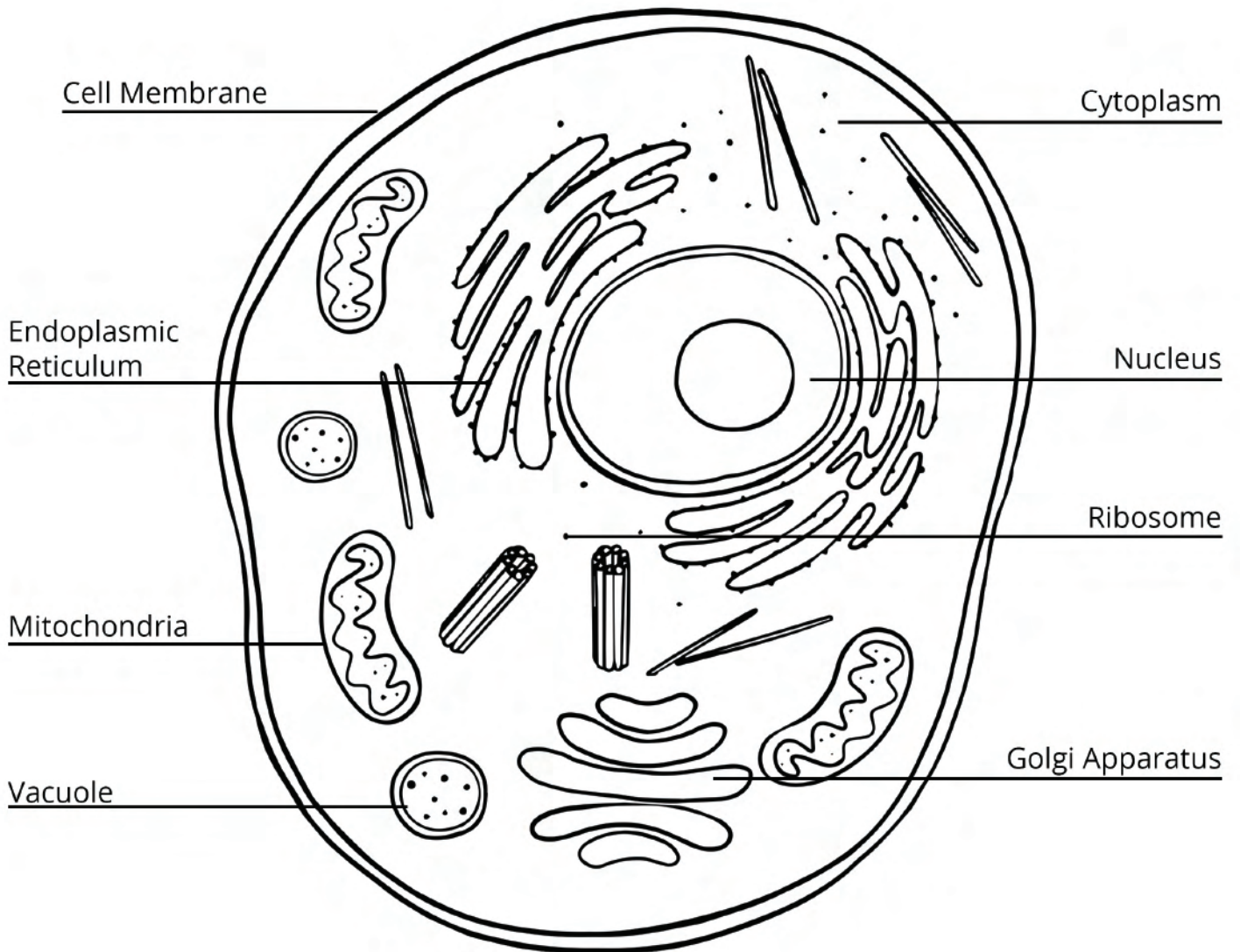
**RIBOSOME:** builds proteins for the cell; *color blue*

**MITOCHONDRIA:** where energy is made for the cell; they take the molecules of food the cell makes and turn it into a type of energy the cell can use; *color pink*

**VACUOLE:** storage areas of the cell that can store food or waste products; *color gray*

**CELL MEMBRANE:** the outside barrier of the cell; it allows some substances out and lets others in; *color brown*

# ANIMAL CELL





## PLANT CELL (EUKARYOTIC)

**CYTOPLASM:** the gel-like fluid inside the cell; *color yellow*

**NUCLEUS:** where the DNA is contained, which is the instruction manual for the cell; *color purple*

**CHLOROPLASTS:** collect energy from the sunlight to create food for the cell; *color light green*

**ENDOPLASMIC RETICULUM:** responsible for transporting materials throughout the cell; *color red*

**MITOCHONDRIA:** where energy is made for the cell; they take the molecules of food the cell makes and turn it into a type of energy the cell can use; *color pink*

**CELL WALL:** covers the cell membrane and gives the cell strength and its shape; *color dark green*

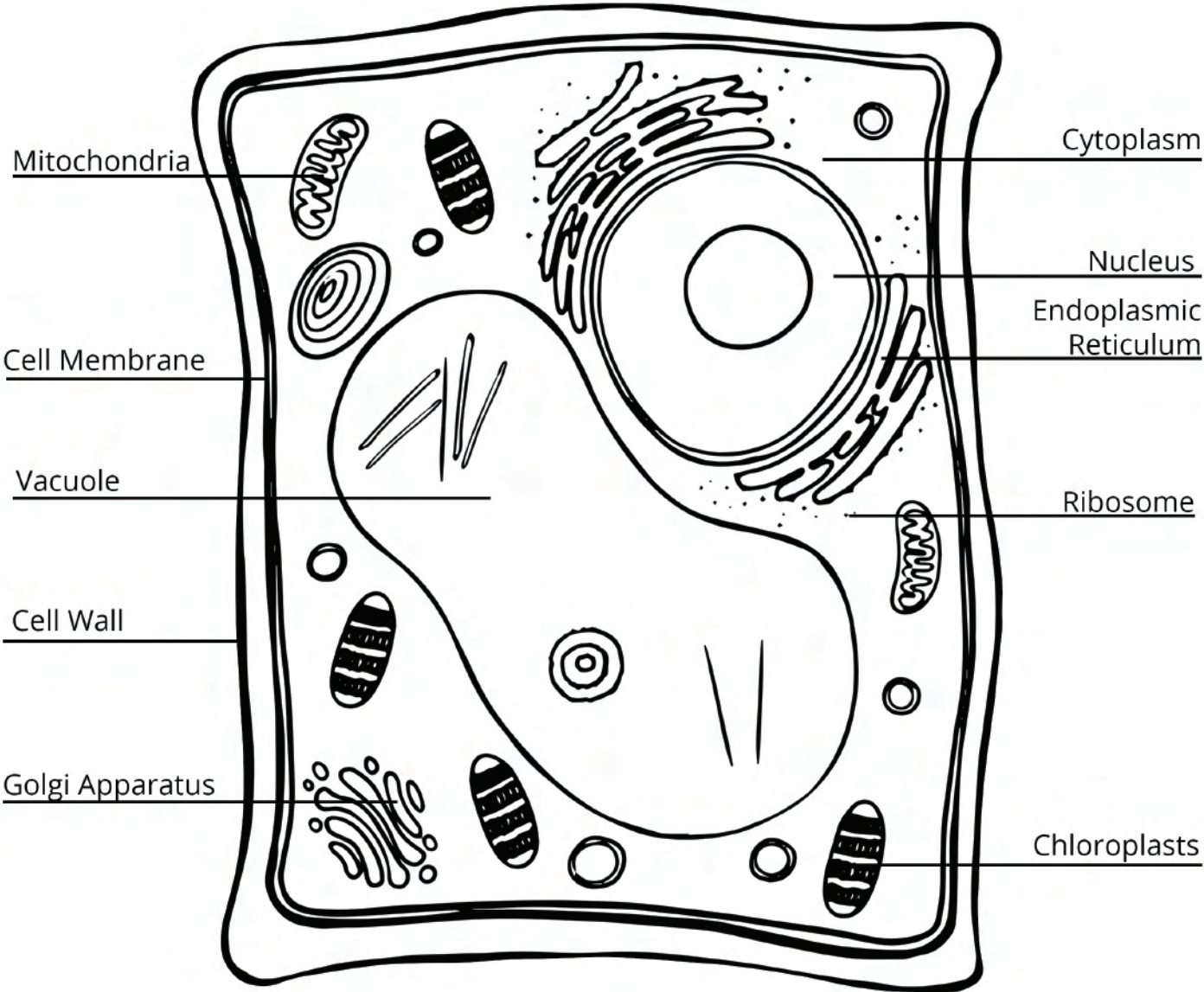
**VACUOLE:** storage areas of the cell that can store food or waste products; *color gray*

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# PLANT CELL





## BACTERIA CELL (PROKARYOTIC)

**DNA:** the instruction manual that's free-floating throughout the cell; *color purple*

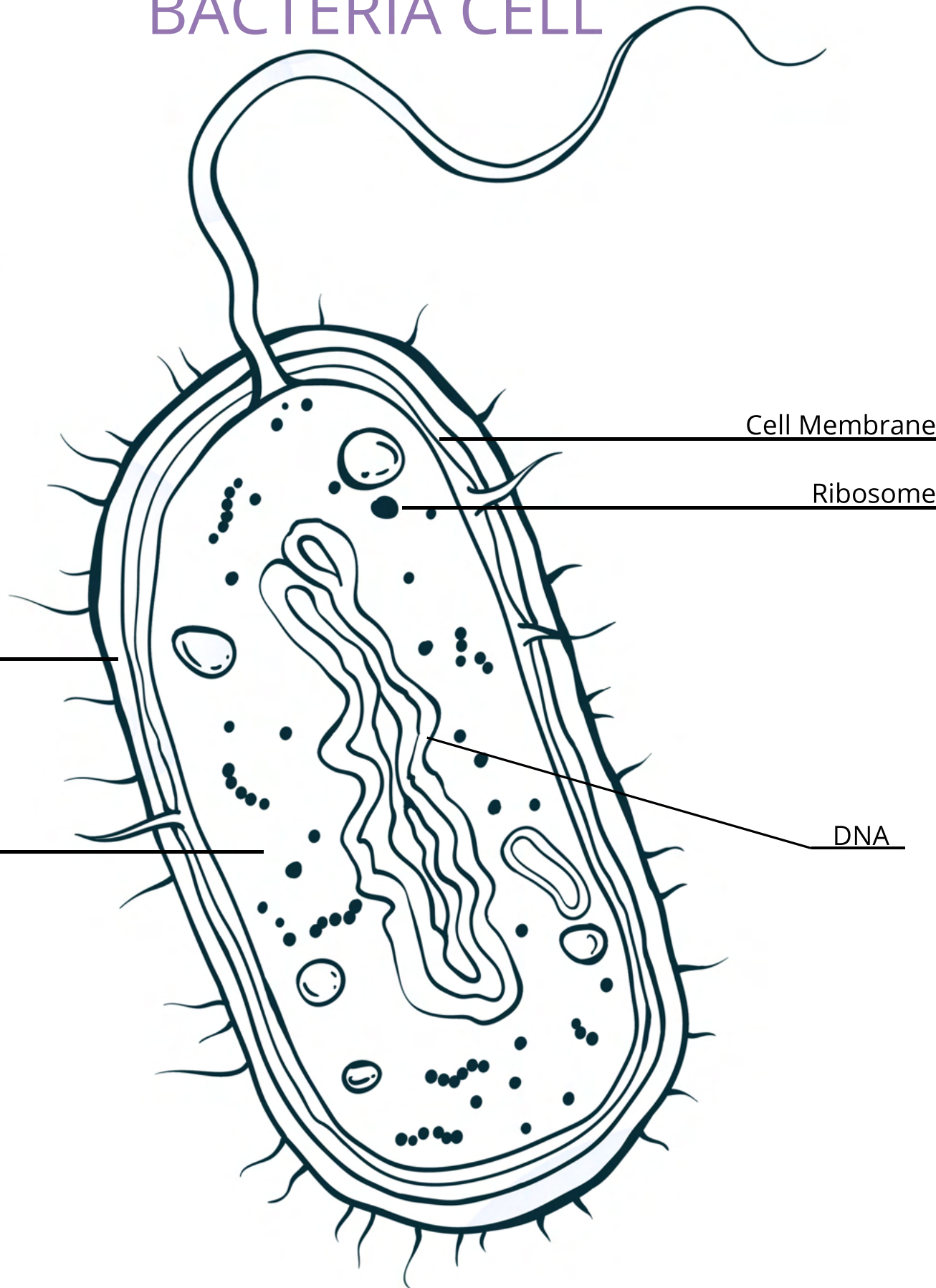
**CELL WALL:** covers the cell membrane and gives the cell strength and its shape; *color dark green*

**RIBOSOME:** builds proteins for the cell; color blue

**CELL MEMBRANE:** the outside barrier of the cell; it allows some substances out and lets others in; *color brown*

**CYTOPLASM:** the gel-like fluid inside the cell; *color yellow*

# BACTERIA CELL





## LESSON 2: MICHAEL DENTON

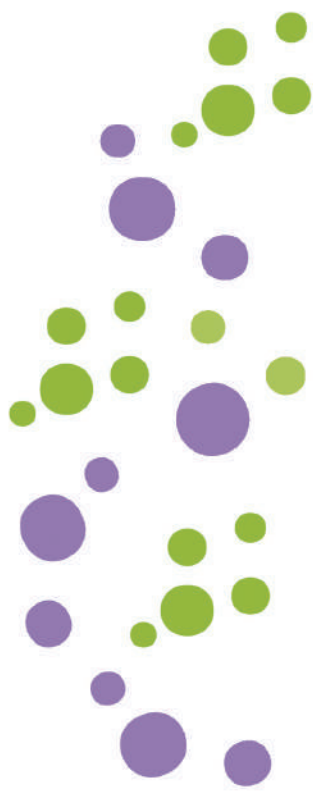
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## LESSON 2: MICHAEL DENTON

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## LESSON 2: MICHAEL DENTON

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**QUESTION:**

What is the basic unit of organization of all living things?

**ANSWER:**

The cell



LESSON 2

**QUESTION:**

What are the three main parts of a cell?

**ANSWER:**

- (1) A cell membrane
- (2) Cytoplasm
- (3) Genetic material



LESSON 2

**QUESTION:**

What is a prokaryotic cell?

**ANSWER:**

A cell with free-floating DNA



LESSON 2

**QUESTION:**

What is a eukaryotic cell?

**ANSWER:**

A cell with DNA in a nucleus



LESSON 2



# The Building Blocks of Life



## Lesson 2 Quiz

1. Robert Hooke was the scientist who discovered cells with a homemade microscope.

- True
- False

2. Which of the following is not true about cell theory:

- A) all living things are made up of one or more cells
- B) all cells come from other living cells
- C) all living things are made up of many cells
- D) the cell is the basic unit of organization in living things

3. Which of the following is not one of the 3 main parts of the cell:

- A) kryptonite
- B) cell membrane
- C) cytoplasm
- D) genetic material

4. The cell membrane surrounds the cell and doesn't let anything in or out.

- True
- False

5. Cytoplasm is a jelly-like substance inside the cell.

- True
- False

6. The instruction manual for the cell is:

- A) cytoplasm
- B) cell membrane
- C) organelles
- D) genetic material

7. The two major types of cells are prokaryotic and eukaryotic.

- True
- False





# The Building Blocks of Life



## Lesson 2 Quiz

8. Prokaryotic creatures are made up of one cell and have DNA enclosed in a protective structure.

True

False

9. Eukaryotic creatures are mostly multicellular and have DNA enclosed inside a special protective structure called a:

A) nucleus

B) amoeba

C) organelle



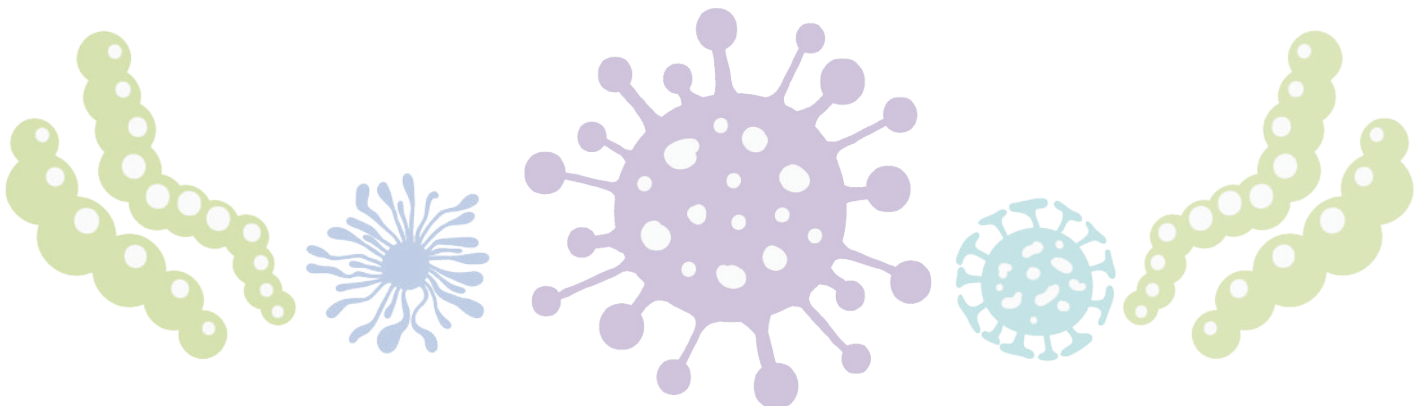


## The Secret Code of Life!

*Almost every cell in your body—in every organism—comes with its own instruction manual. This instruction manual tells each cell exactly what to do. It's called DNA, and DNA is the special code that makes cells so powerful.*

### Recommended Reading

- 🌿 *The Basics of Cell Life with Max Axiom*, by Amber Keyser, Parts 3 and 4
- 🌿 *The Cell Works*, by Patrick A. Baeuerle and Norbert Landa, p. 22-25; 36-37
- 🌿 *Francis Crick & James Watson: Pioneers in DNA Research*, by John Bankston
- 🌿 *Understanding DNA: A Breakthrough in Medicine*, by Tony Allan







# ACTIVITY Build a Candy DNA

DNA is the instruction manual of the cell. It has a very unique structure that was discovered by Francis Crick and James Watson in the 1950s. During today's activity, you'll be making a replica of DNA — it will be a sweet science treat!

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## SUPPLY LIST

- 2 pieces of licorice
- Bag of multi-colored mini-marshmallows
- Toothpicks

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. The licorice will represent the legs of your DNA and the marshmallows will represent the bases of your DNA.
  2. Pink = Adenine (A)
  3. Yellow = Thymine (T)
  4. Green = Guanine (G)
  5. Orange = Cytosine (C)
  6. Use the following sequence to build one side of your DNA: T G A C G T T A C A A C
  7. Build your DNA by poking a marshmallow through the center onto a toothpick. Then, insert the same end into a piece of licorice. Continue to add each base to your licorice at regular intervals.
  8. Now, you'll assemble your base pairs by matching each marshmallow base with its marshmallow base pair. Remember, adenine always pairs with thymine and guanine always pairs with cytosine. Poke the other side of the toothpick through the correct colored marshmallow.
  9. Finish assembling your DNA by attaching the other licorice rung of your DNA to the second marshmallow bases you added. You should now have a structure that looks like a licorice marshmallow ladder.
  10. Complete your DNA model by carefully twisting the structure until it's in the shape of a double helix.
  11. Show your DNA model to friends and family and tell them what each piece represents. They're sure to be impressed with all that you know about DNA!
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## LESSON 3: PSALM 139:13-14A

For you formed my inward parts,  
you knitted me together in my  
mother's womb. I praise you, for I  
am fearfully and wonderfully made.

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## LESSON 3: PSALM 139:13-14A

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## LESSON 3: PSALM 139:13-14A

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**QUESTION:**

What is the structure of DNA?

**ANSWER:**

Double helix



LESSON 3

**QUESTION:**

DNA has the instructions for the cell to make what?

**ANSWER:**

Proteins



LESSON 3



# The Secret Code of Life!

## Lesson 3 Quiz



1. The shape of DNA is a double helix, or two spirals put together that look like a:

- A) triangle
- B) twisted ladder
- C) cone
- D) square

2. There are 6 DNA bases.

- True
- False

3. Each DNA base fits together with another base to form base pairs.

- True
- False

4. Where are the bases located on the DNA double helix?

- A) Rungs
- B) Top
- C) Legs
- D) Bottom

5. RNA, or ribonucleic acid, is a copy of a piece of DNA.

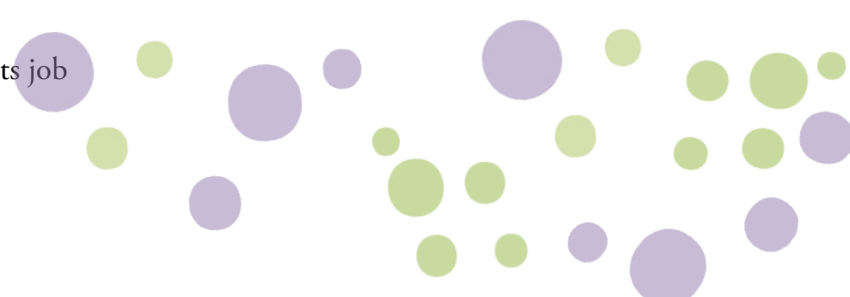
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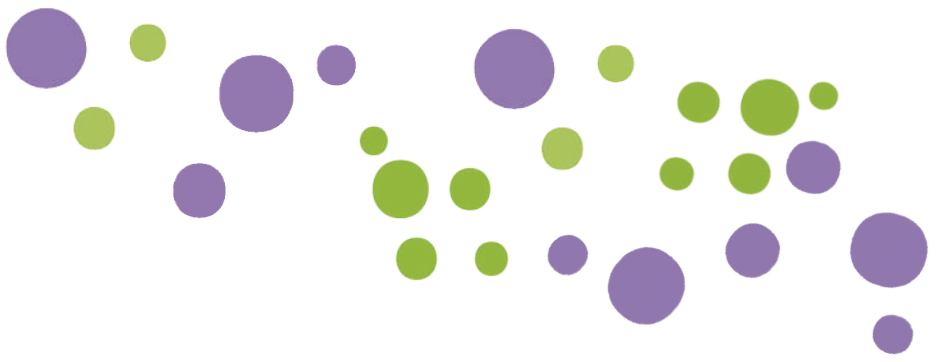
6. DNA has the instructions for cells to build:

- A) sugars
- B) proteins
- C) towers
- D) fats

7. Every cell has:

- A) a complete copy of DNA
- B) one piece of DNA
- C) just certain parts of DNA it needs to know its job






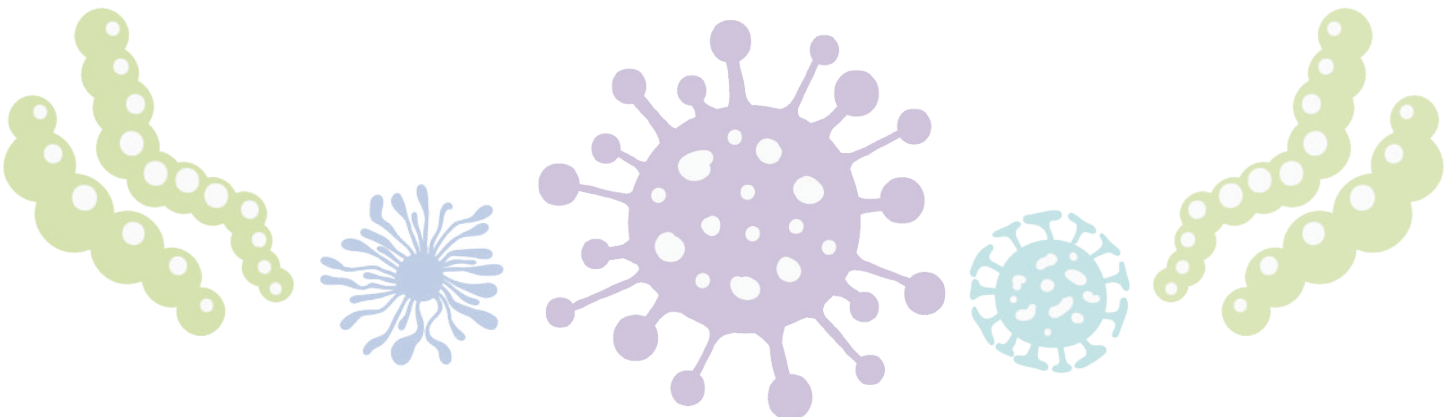
## Fueled Up!

*Just like every car needs gas to move, every living organism needs energy to survive. But not all organisms get their energy in the same way!*

### Recommended Reading

 *The Cell Works*, by Patrick A. Baeuerle and Norbert Landa, p. 30-31

 *Exploring Ecosystems with Max Axiom*, by Agnieszka Biskup, Parts 1 and 2







# ACTIVITY

# Food Chain Sorting

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## SUPPLY LIST

- Scissors
- Glue or glue stick
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut out the cards on the following page.
  2. Paste the correct definition under the titles “Producers,” “Consumers,” and “Decomposers” on the creature canvas.
  3. Then, decide which column each organism you cut out belongs in and paste it on your creature canvas.
  4. Color the creatures on your creature canvas.
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Cut out the definitions and paste at the top of the creature canvas.

Organisms that make their own food.

Organisms that eat other organisms for food.

Organisms that feed on dead or decaying organisms and turn them into soil.

Cut out the cards can place them in the correct category on the creature canvas.



tree



mushroom



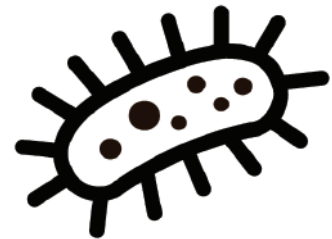
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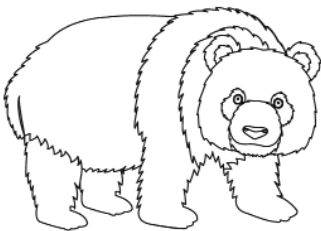
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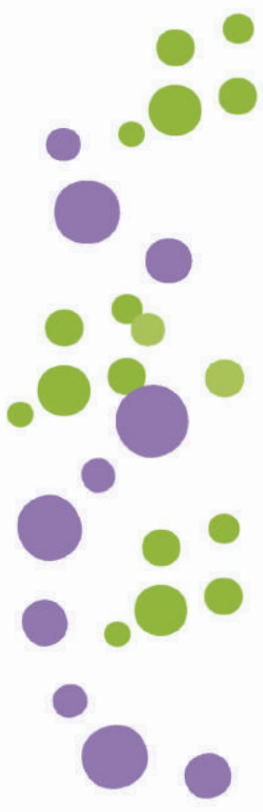
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# CREATURE CANVAS

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PRODUCERS	CONSUMERS	DECOMPOSERS



## LESSON 4: ALBERT EINSTEIN

“Energy cannot be created or  
destroyed; it can only be  
changed from one form to  
another.”

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## LESSON 4: ALBERT EINSTEIN

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## LESSON 4: ALBERT EINSTEIN

*Energy cannot be created or destroyed, it can only be changed from one form to another.*

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**QUESTION:**

What organisms must eat food for energy?

**ANSWER:**

Heterotrophs



LESSON 4

**QUESTION:**

What organisms get their energy from the sun and make their own food?

**ANSWER:**

Autotrophs



LESSON 4



# Fueled Up

## Lesson 4 Quiz



**1. Energy is:**

- A) inside the cell's nucleus
- B) the ability to do work
- C) created in a laboratory

**2. How do autotrophs, like plants, get their energy?**

- A) They eat food
- B) They eat the soil
- C) They make their food using the sun, water, and carbon dioxide
- D) They don't need energy

**3. How do heterotrophs, like animals, get their energy?**

- A) They eat food
- B) They eat the soil
- C) They make their food using the sun, water, and carbon dioxide
- D) They don't need energy

**4. Organisms that eat other dead organisms and break them down into nutrients that can be used by other organisms are called:**

- A) decomposers
- B) producers
- C) consumers

**5. Organisms that eat other organisms for food are called:**

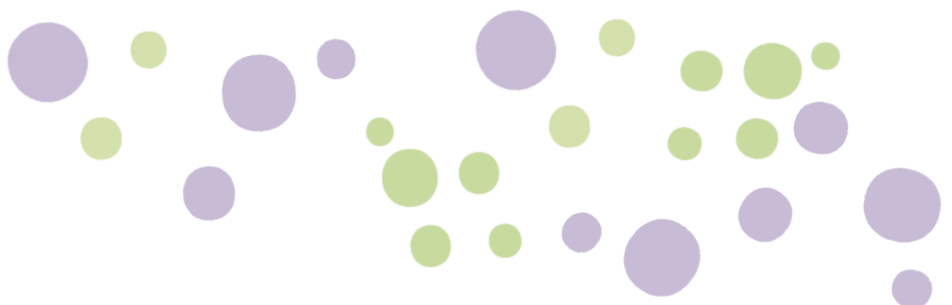
- A) decomposers
- B) producers
- C) consumers

**6. Organisms that make their own food are called:**

- A) decomposers
- B) producers
- C) consumers

**7. A diagram with pictures and arrows that shows how energy is moved around between different organisms is called a:**

- A) food pyramid
- B) energy diagram
- C) food chain







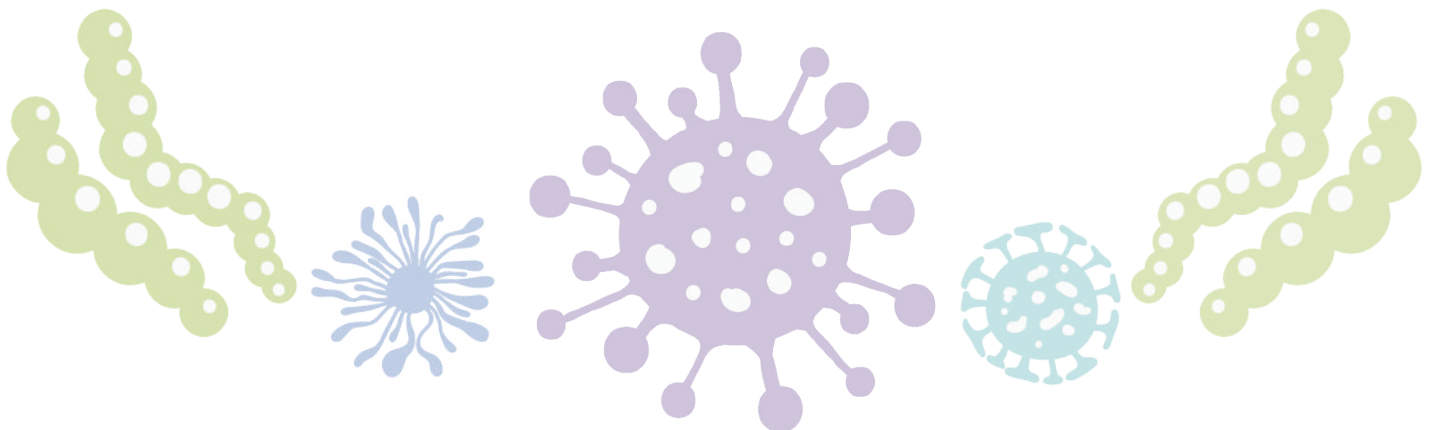
## What's in a Name?

*There are millions of different types of creatures in this world, and while they're all unique, many share similar characteristics. We can use these characteristics to help categorize them, or divide them into similar groups.*

### Recommended Reading

 *Karl, Get Out of the Garden!*, by Anita Sanchez

 *The Biosphere*, by Gregory L. Vogt, Chapter 2





# ACTIVITY

## Silly Creature Classification

Imagine you're transported to a planet in another universe and you stumble upon a community of silly creatures! Now you're tasked with the job of classifying these creatures.

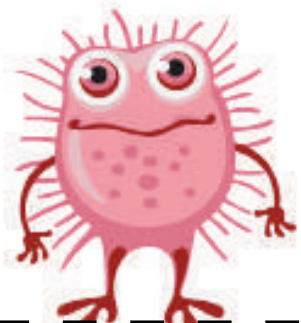
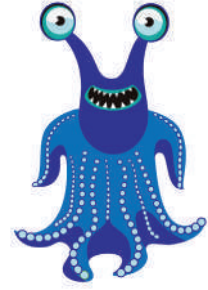
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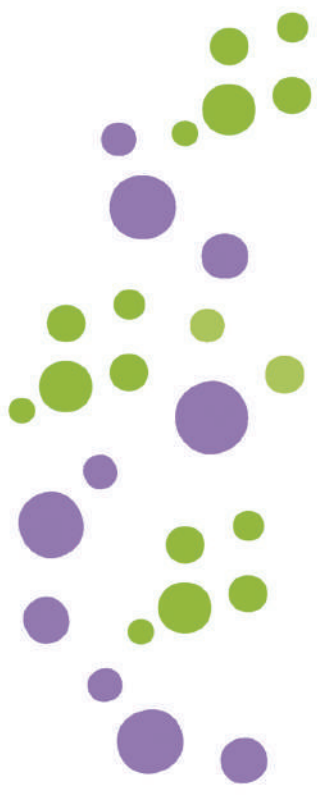
### SUPPLY LIST

- Scissors

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut out the silly creature cards on the next pages.
  2. Determine how you can categorize these creatures. Move them into groups of creatures that are similar.
  3. Now spend time categorizing them in a totally different way!
  4. Which way do you think was the best to categorize your creatures? Maybe you aren't sure. Sometimes scientists aren't quite sure how to classify new organisms they find either!
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## LESSON 5: GENESIS 2:20A

The man gave names to all livestock  
and to the birds of the heavens and  
to every beast of the field.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of four sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid) for tracing and independent writing.



## LESSON 5: GENESIS 2:20A

The man gave names to all livestock and to

the birds of the heavens and to every beast

of the field.

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**QUESTION:**

How are living organisms classified from the least specific to the most specific?

**ANSWER:**

Kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus, and species



LESSON 5



# What's in a Name?



## Lesson 5 Quiz

- 1. What is classification?**
  - A) Naming organisms
  - B) When we put organisms into similar groups
  - C) Pairing up organisms
- 2. What is the broadest group of organisms called in our system of classification?**
  - A) Species
  - B) Class
  - C) Kingdom
  - D) Order
- 3. What is the narrowest, most specific group of organisms called in our system of classification?**
  - A) Species
  - B) Class
  - C) Kingdom
  - D) Family
- 4. Who created the classification system we use today?**
  - A) James Watson and Francis Crick
  - B) Robert Hooke
  - C) Carl Linnaeus
- 5. How many kingdoms are living things divided into today?**
  - A) 2
  - B) 3
  - C) 5
  - D) 6
- 6. If you saw a frog in your yard, you would know it was in which kingdom?**
  - A) Plant
  - B) Animal
  - C) Fungi
  - D) Protist
- 7. If you saw a tree in your yard, you would know it was in which kingdom?**
  - A) Plant
  - B) Animal
  - C) Fungi
  - D) Protist






## Biomes Everywhere!


*Living things don't just live off somewhere all by themselves. They live in an environment. Each living thing lives in a whole community of other living and nonliving things—and the study of these communities is called ecology.*


### Recommended Reading

 *Exploring Ecosystems with Max Axiom*, by Agnieszka Biskup, Parts 3 & 4


 *The Biosphere*, by Gregory L. Vogt, Introduction & Chapter 5

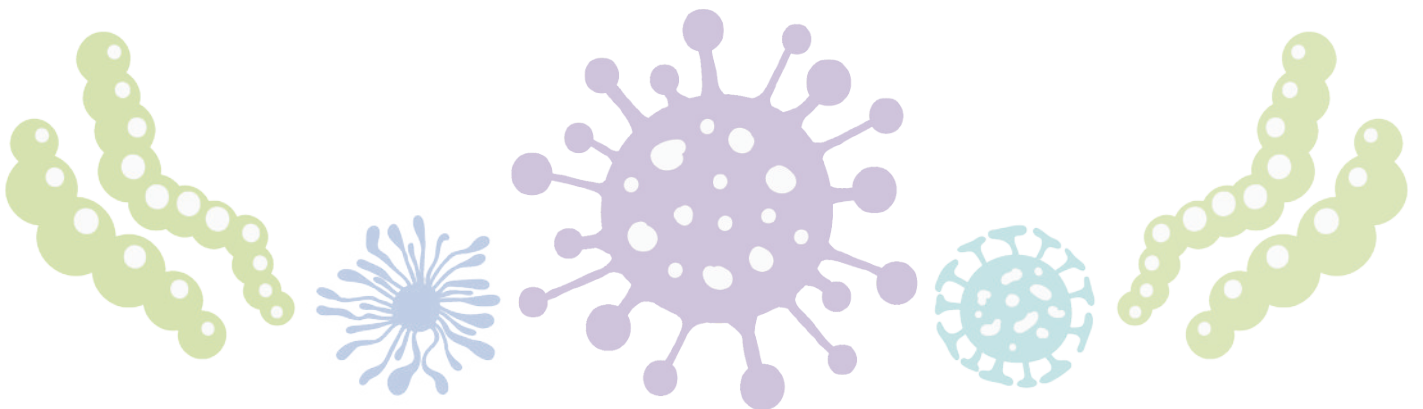
 *One Small Square: Woods*, by Donald Silver

 *One Small Square: Cactus Desert*, by Donald Silver

 *One Small Square: Rain Forest*, by Donald Silver

 *One Small Square: Savannah*, by Donald Silver

 *One Small Square: Arctic Tundra*, by Donald Silver







# ACTIVITY Create a Biome Diorama

What is your favorite biome? Is it the cold arctic tundra? The hot dry desert? Underwater in the aquatic regions? The grasslands? Or maybe you prefer somewhere with trees like the coniferous forests, deciduous forests, or the exotic rainforests? Spend time this week learning more about your favorite biome as you create a diorama!

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## SUPPLY LIST

- Shoe box (or slightly larger-sized box)
- Magazines (nature magazines are best)
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Markers
- Scissors
- Other various art supplies

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. You'll be creating a diorama which is a 3-dimensional display of your favorite biome. Before you get started creating, you'll have to learn more about the biome. Take time to ask some of these questions...
  - How much water is in your biome?
  - What is the weather like?
  - What kinds of animals are there?
  - What kinds of plants are there?
  - What does the ground look like?
2. To begin, cut the top and one of the sides off your box; the bottom and 3 sides should be remaining. You should be able to look at your biome from the top and the front.
3. Decorate the walls and bottom of your box to create the biome's environment using paper, markers, and pictures you cut out of magazines.
4. Gather things from outside to use in your diorama like rocks, twigs, or other things you can paste to the ground. You can make your own figures of plants and animals too!
5. Show your friends and family your diorama. Tell them all of the fun facts you learned about the biome you researched!



## LESSON 6: RACHEL CARSON

Those who dwell among the beauties  
and mysteries of the earth are  
never alone or weary of life.

Four sets of horizontal lines for handwriting practice, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



## LESSON 6: RACHEL CARSON

*“Those who dwell among the beauties and  
mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary  
of life.”*

**QUESTION:**

What is the study of how living and nonliving things interact?

**ANSWER:**

Ecology



LESSON 6

**QUESTION:**

A region of the world with a certain kind of climate along with all the living creatures that live there is called what?

**ANSWER:**

Biome



LESSON 6



# Biome Everywhere!

## Lesson 6 Quiz



1. The study of how living things and nonliving things in an area all interact with one another is called:

- A) biology
- B) genetics
- C) ecology
- D) zoology

2. What are biomes?

- A) The different planets and the atmosphere around them
- B) Areas of the world with certain kinds of climates, along with all the plants, animals, and other living creatures that live there
- C) All of the animals in one location

3. The coldest of all biomes which has very few plants that are able to survive is called:

- A) tundra
- B) coniferous forest
- C) desert
- D) grasslands

4. The hottest, driest of all biomes which gets less than 10 inches of rain per year is called:

- A) grasslands
- B) deciduous forest
- C) coniferous forest
- D) desert

5. The biome that receives more rainfall and has more plants and animals than any other biome is called:

- A) deciduous forest
- B) tropical rainforest
- C) aquatic
- D) tundra

6. The biome with long cold winters and lots of evergreen trees is called:

- A) tundra
- B) coniferous forest
- C) tropical rainforest
- D) grassland

7. The biome that has cold winters and warm summers, but does not get enough rain for many trees to survive is called:

- A) deciduous forest
- B) desert
- C) aquatic
- D) grassland







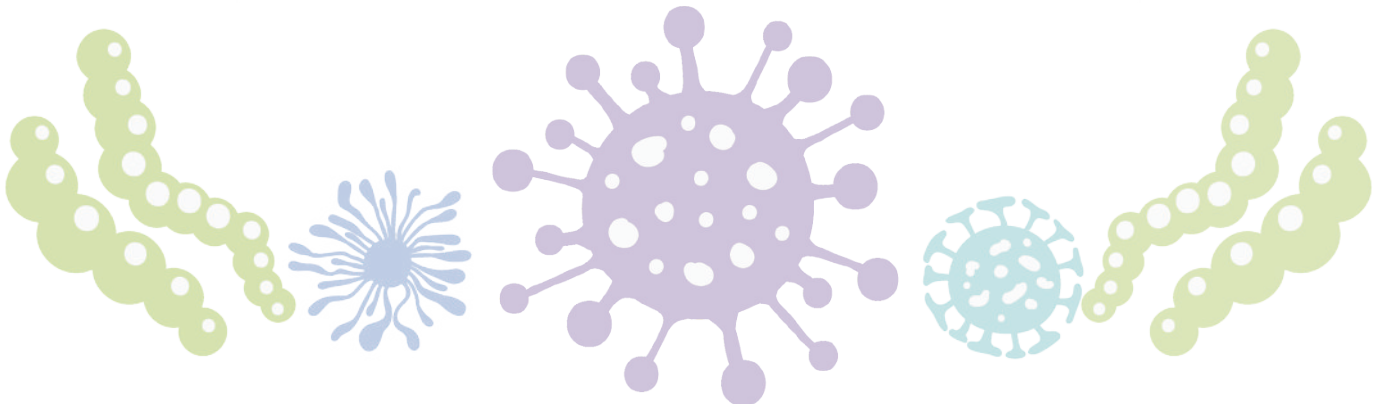


## Itsy Bitsy Teeny Tiny Creatures

*Bacteria don't get a lot of our attention today unless the doctor tells us we have a bacterial infection. But most bacteria are helpful, and they're a much bigger part of our lives than you can imagine!*

### Recommended Reading

-  *Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes*, by Nicola Davies
-  *Archaea: Salt-Lovers, Methane-Makers, Thermophiles, and Other Archaeans*, by David M. Barker
-  *Bacteria: Staph, Strep, Clostridium, and Other Bacteria*, by Judy Wearing, p. 6-43
-  *The Bacteria Book: The Big World of Really Tiny Microbes*, by Steve Mould, p. 8-25, 32-33, and 60-61





# ACTIVITY Growing Bacteria!

Bacteria are nearly everywhere — all around you, on you, and in you! In this activity, you'll have a chance to see bacteria. We'll be comparing the bacteria on your hands before and after you've washed them.

You'll be growing bacteria from your hands in a Petri dish with nutrient agar. Nutrient agar contains the nutrients needed to grow a wide variety of bacteria.

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## SUPPLY LIST

- 2 Petri dishes with nutrient agar
- Masking tape
- Cotton swabs

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Obtain a Petri dish containing nutrient agar or you can make the nutrient agar and fill your Petri dish at home. This will serve as the food source for your bacteria to grow on.
2. Run the cotton swab across your hand, lift the lid off the Petri dish, and gently draw a squiggly line back and forth across the agar with the swab. As you're doing this, roll the swab between your fingers.
3. Close the lid of the Petri dish and take a piece of masking tape and wrap it just around the edge of the Petri dish. Do not put tape across the flat top of the dish — this will block your view of the growing bacteria.
4. Go wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and hot water. Scrub them really well.
5. Run the cotton swab across your clean hand, lift the lid off the Petri dish, and gently draw a squiggly line back and forth across the agar. As you're doing this, roll the swab between your fingers.
6. Close the lid of the Petri dish and take a piece of masking tape and wrap it just around the edge of the Petri dish. Do not put tape across the flat top of the dish — this will obscure your view of the growing bacteria.
7. Place your Petri dishes upside down in a dark location, being sure to keep them at room temperature or a bit warmer. A cardboard box is a good place to keep them.
8. After 48 hours, count the total number of colonies in each of your Petri dishes—colonies are the big spots of bacteria. Record those numbers on the table below. Return your Petri dishes to their dark location.
9. After 96 hours, again carefully count the total number of colonies in your petri dishes and record the numbers on the table below. Return your Petri dishes to their dark location.
10. After 144 hours, count the total number of colonies in your Petri dishes and record those numbers as well.

### SAFETY PRECAUTION:

Be sure you get a parent's assistance for this lab. It's very important to use caution when working with unknown microorganisms as you do not know whether or not they are bad for you. Once the petri dish is sealed, do not reopen it.

# Lab Sheet: Growing Bacteria!

Petri Dish with Bacteria	Colonies after 48 hours	Colonies after 96 hours	Colonies after 144 hours
Before Clean Hands			
After Clean Hands			

## Questions

Explain the differences you see between your two Petri dishes.

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Do you think washing your hands is a good way to keep from coming in contact with harmful bacteria that could make you sick? Why or why not?

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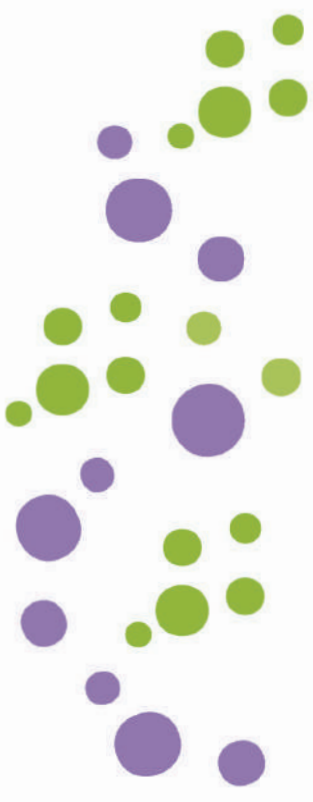
## LESSON 7: MICHAEL DENTON

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**QUESTION:**

What are the 2 prokaryotic kingdoms?

**ANSWER:**

Eubacteria and Archaeobacteria



LESSON 7

**QUESTION:**

How are Archaeobacteria different from Eubacteria?

**ANSWER:**

Their DNA is different and archaeobacteria can live in extreme environments.



LESSON 7

**QUESTION:**

Are bacteria producers, consumers, or decomposers?

**ANSWER:**

Decomposers



LESSON 7



# Itsy Bitsy Teeny Tiny Creatures



## Lesson 7 Quiz

1. Bacteria reproduce asexually.

- True
- False

2. Projections called pili are used to help bacteria:

- A) stick to surfaces
- B) move
- C) create proteins

3. There is just one kingdom of prokaryotic organisms.

- True
- False

4. Bacteria are single cell prokaryotes with free-floating DNA.

- True
- False

5. What part of the bacteria gives them shape and structure?

- A) Cell membrane
- B) Cell wall
- C) Cytoplasm
- D) Ribosomes

6. Archaeobacteria can live in extreme environments where no other organisms are found.

- True
- False

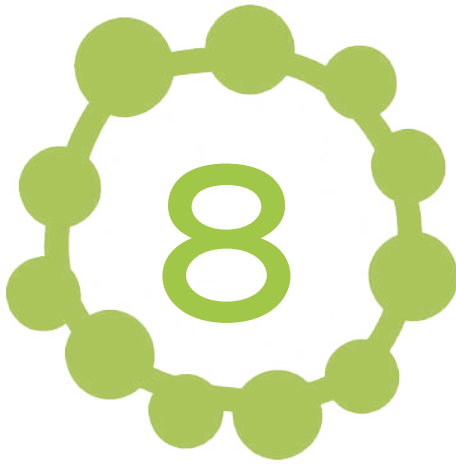
7. Eubacteria are common bacteria found in everyday places and many are helpful to the environment.

- True
- False

8. Bacteria are decomposers, which means they eat:

- A) food that they produce
- B) dead or decaying things
- C) other organisms



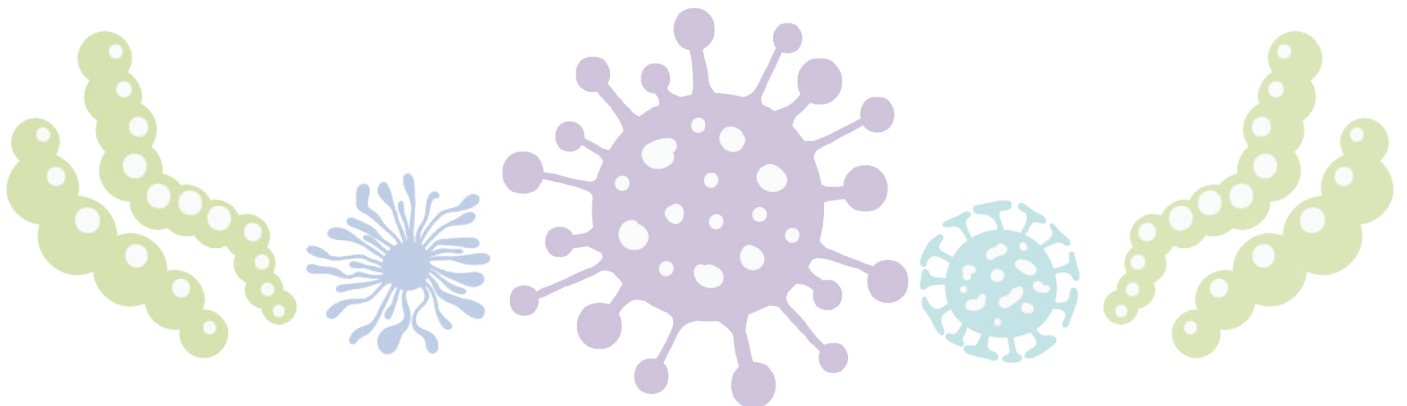


## The Junk Drawer Kingdom

*There are some creatures that don't seem to fit anywhere—they are just too different from other living things we know. That's where the kingdom of protists comes in: it's the living world's island of misfit creatures.*

### Recommended Reading

 *The Bacteria Book: The Big World of Really Tiny Microbes*, by Steve Mould, p. 54-59







# ACTIVITY Protists in Action

We often refer to Kingdom Protista as the “junk drawer kingdom” because there are so many different types of organisms in this kingdom that just don’t seem to fit anywhere else. You’ll have the opportunity to check out a few protists and see just how different they are for yourself today!

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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log in to your online classroom and navigate to lesson 8.
2. View the 3 videos on the page showing protists in action.
3. Consider the questions below.

## QUESTIONS

How do the shape and color of the protists you see differ from one another?

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Each of these protists is able to move. What types of structures do they use to move? How do their movements differ from one another?

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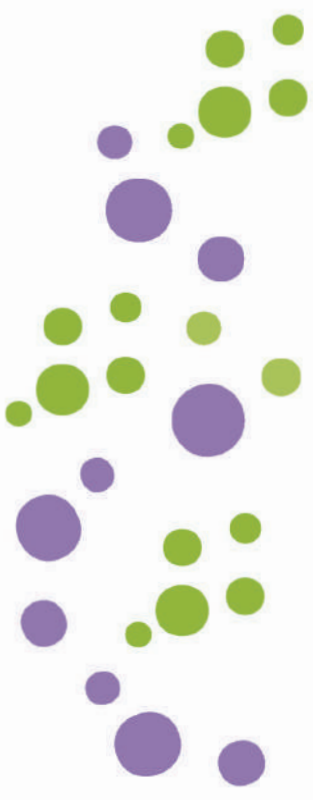
## LESSON 8: GENESIS 1:25A

And God made the beasts of the  
earth according to their kinds and  
the livestock according to their  
kinds and everything that creeps on  
the ground according to its kind.



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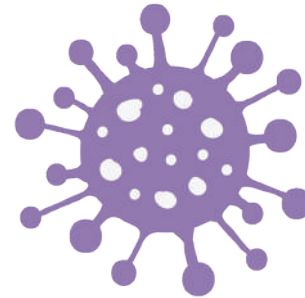
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**QUESTION:**

What are the eukaryotic creatures that don't belong to the kingdom of animals, plants, or fungi?

**ANSWER:**

Protists



LESSON 8

**QUESTION:**

What are the 3 categories of protists?

**ANSWER:**

Protozoans (animal-like protists)

Algae (plant-like protists)

Molds (fungus-like protists)



LESSON 8



# The Junk Drawer Kingdom



## Lesson 8 Quiz

1. Kingdom protista contains creatures that don't fit in with other kingdoms.

- True
- False

2. All protists are:

- A) prokaryotes
- B) eukaryotes
- C) both

3. Most protists are found:

- A) in water
- B) near water
- C) in soil that contains water
- D) all of these

4. Protists are usually divided into how many different groups?

- A) 3
- B) 4
- C) 5

5. Animal-like protists that move and eat similar to animals are called:

- A) algae
- B) protozoans
- C) molds
- D) none of these

6. Plant-like protists that are autotrophs and make their own food are called:

- A) algae
- B) protozoans
- C) molds
- D) none of these

7. Fungus-like protists that are decomposers are called:

- A) algae
- B) protozoans
- C) molds
- D) none of the these






# The Fungus Among Us!


*This lesson is all about some creatures with a very important job —ridding the world of dead and decaying organisms. Fungi are found all over the world in every single biome. Without them, the world would be covered in disgusting, dead organisms.*

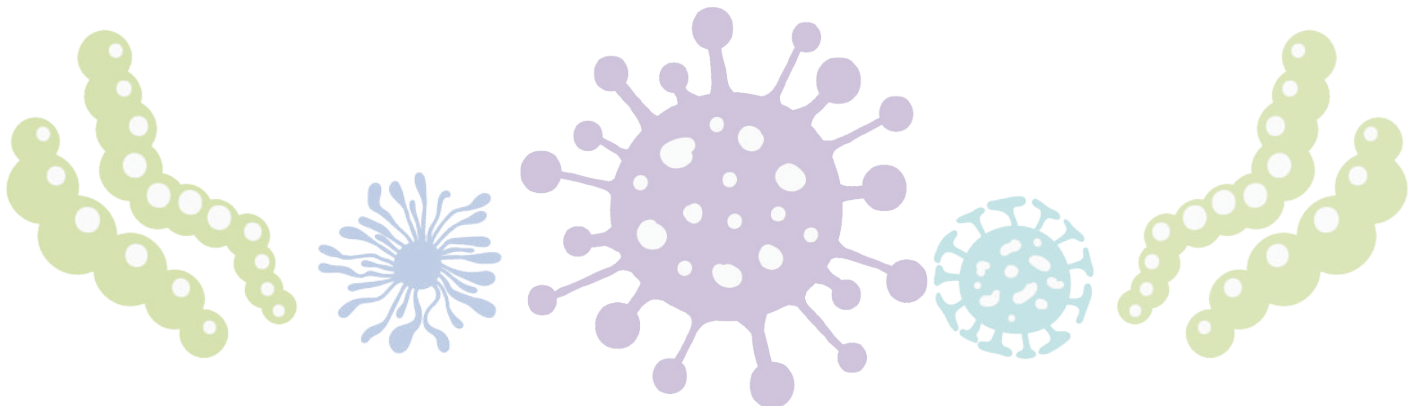
## Recommended Reading

 *The Bacteria Book: The Big World of Really Tiny Microbes*, by Steve Mould, p. 44-53

 *Fungus is Among Us!*, by Joy Keller

 *The Mushroom Fan Club*, by Elise Gravel

 *Fungi: Mushrooms, Toadstools, Molds, Yeasts, and Other Fungi*, by Judy Waring







# ACTIVITY

## Watching Fungi Eat

You might be familiar with yeast as something you can bake with in the kitchen: yeast is what helps bread to rise. Yeast is actually a type of fungi. You'll probably remember from class that fungi are a type of decomposer. In this activity we'll have a chance to watch yeast in action!

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### SUPPLY LIST

- Very ripe banana
- 2 zip lock bags
- 1 teaspoon yeast

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut the banana in half lengthwise.
  2. Sprinkle 1 teaspoon of yeast on one half of the banana.
  3. Put both halves each in their own ziplock bag, seal the bag, and place them in a warm dark place.
  4. Compare what happens to the banana treated with yeast and the one left untreated. Check your bags each day for a week and record your observations on the table on the following page.
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DAY	Banana without Yeast	Banana with Yeast
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
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7		

Which banana showed more changes after 7 days? Why do you think this is?

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## LESSON 9: DEREK JENSEN

"I thought a forest was made up  
entirely of trees, but now I know  
that the foundation lies below  
ground, in the fungi."



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## LESSON 9: DEREK JENSEN

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**QUESTION:**

Are fungi producers, consumers or decomposers?

**ANSWER:**

Decomposers



LESSON 9



# The Fungus Among Us!



## Lesson 9 Quiz

- 1. Fungi are made up of what types of cells?**
  - A) Prokaryotic
  - B) Eukaryotic
- 2. How do fungi obtain their food?**
  - A) They're autotrophic: they make their own food
  - B) They're heterotrophic: they consume their food
  - C) They don't need food
- 3. Fungi are:**
  - A) producers
  - B) consumers
  - C) decomposers
- 4. What do fungi cells contain that help give them shape and structure?**
  - A) Skeleton
  - B) Cell walls
  - C) Cell skeleton
- 5. Are fungi mobile?**
  - A) Yes
  - B) No
  - C) Only during part of their life
- 6. How are fungi useful to the rest of the world?**
  - A) They break down dead organisms in the environment
  - B) They can serve as an important type of medication called antibiotics
  - C) They are a good source of food
  - D) All of the above
- 7. What are the thread-like filaments multicellular fungi are made up of?**
  - A) Strings
  - B) Hyphae
  - C) Fungi threads








## What is a Plant?

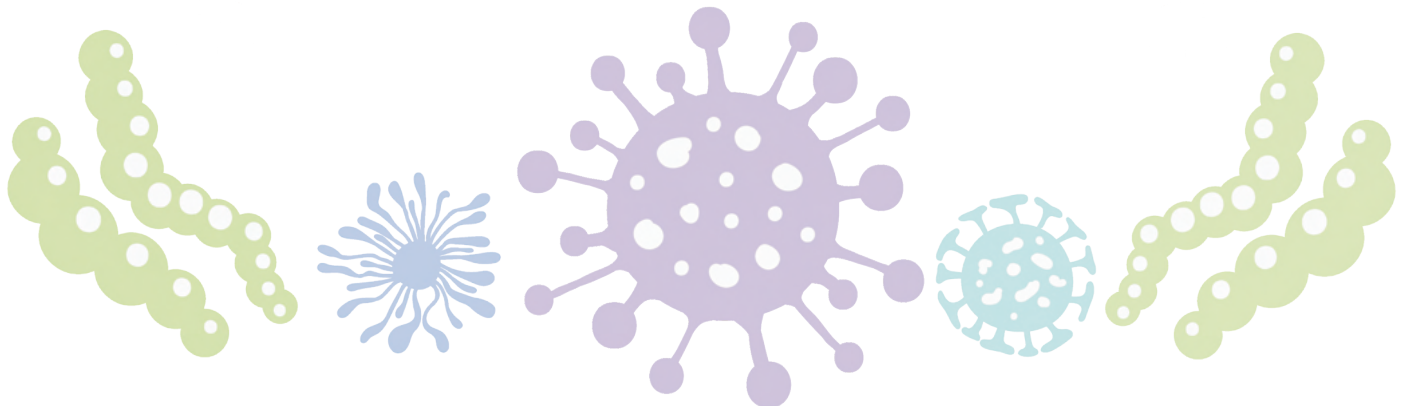
*Plants are everywhere on planet Earth. There are hundreds of thousands of different kinds of plants, and thousands more are discovered each year!*

### Recommended Reading

 *Plant Parts*, by Richard and Louise Spilsbury, p. 4-5

 *Eli Whitney and the Industrial Revolution*, by Heather Moore Niver

 *The Tree Book: For Kids and their Grown Ups*, by Gina Ingoglia, p. 24-25





# ACTIVITY Watch a Plant Grow

In this activity you'll be planting bean seeds two and watching them grow for the next several weeks. You'll have the opportunity to see how they change and sketch the changes you observe.

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## SUPPLY LIST

- Dry beans (lima beans or kidney beans work well for this activity)
- 1 pint mason jars or other containers
- Potting soil (without added fertilizer)
- Ruler

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill your mason jar about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way full with soil.
2. Place 2-3 beans on top of the soil and cover gently with additional soil.
3. Spray some water on top of the soil to keep it damp. Be sure to do this every couple of days making sure the soil stays damp.
4. Place the jar on a window ledge where it will get sunlight.
5. As you're caring for your bean plant, you'll also be monitoring and observing its growth.
6. Each week for the next several weeks, you'll be sketching what your bean plant look like.
7. Use the sketch boxes on the next page to sketch your bean plant as soon as you see it's sprouted. Be sure to record how many days it's been since the bean was planted and how tall the plant is.

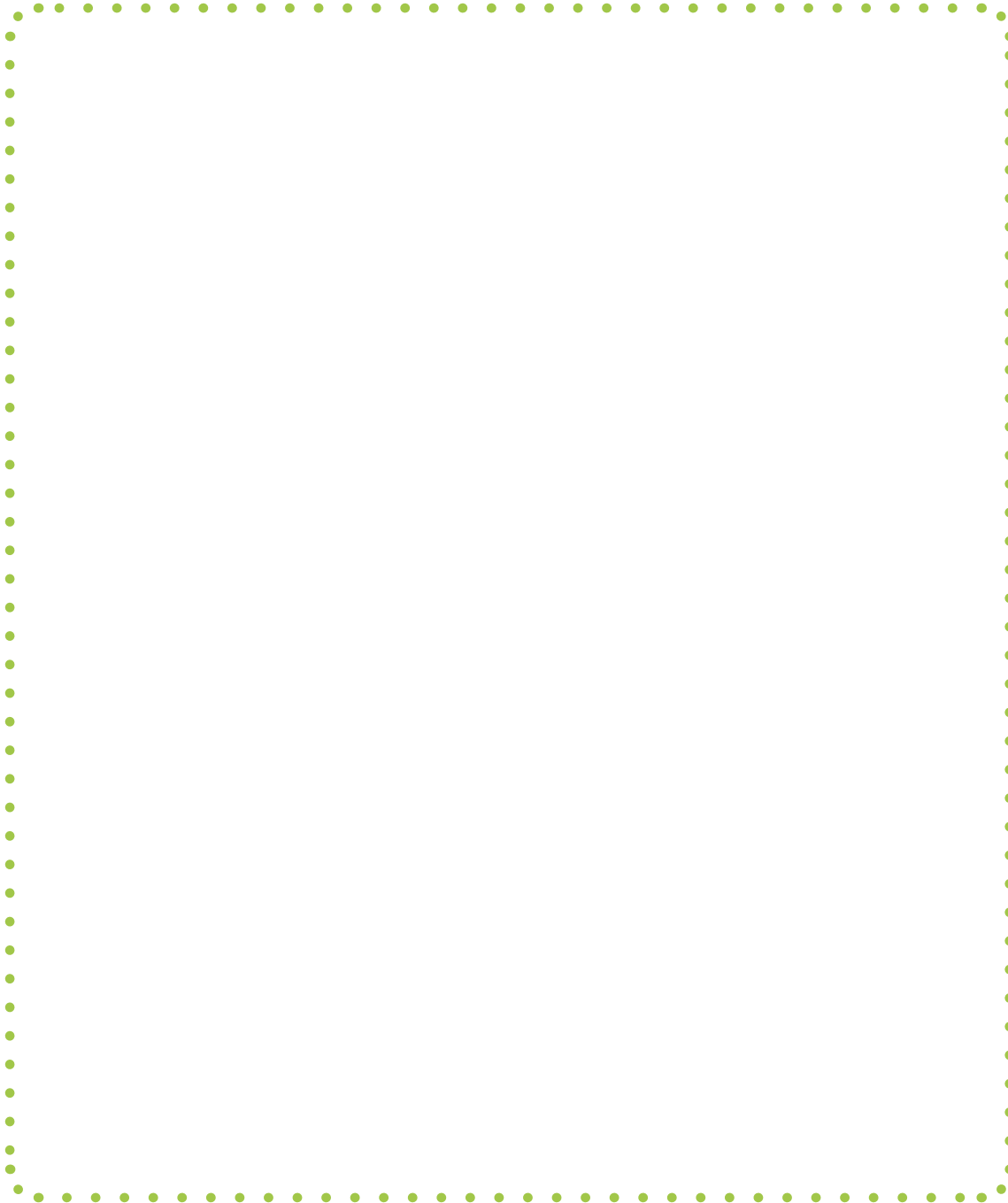
**Record the date you planted your beans:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## SKETCH YOUR BEAN PLANT

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How many days since your bean was planted? \_\_\_\_\_

How tall is your bean plant? \_\_\_\_\_



## LESSON 10: GENESIS 1:11A

Let the earth sprout vegetation,  
plants yielding seed, and fruit trees  
bearing fruit in which is their seed,  
each according to its kind, on the  
earth.



## LESSON 10: GENESIS 1:11A

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## LESSON 10: GENESIS 1:11A

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**QUESTION:**

What are the 4 main organs of a plant?

**ANSWER:**

Root, stem, leaves, reproductive structures

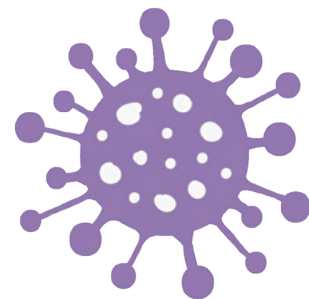


**QUESTION:**

Are plants eukaryotic or prokaryotic?

**ANSWER:**

Eukaryotic







# What is a Plant?



## Lesson 10 Quiz

**1. All plants are made up of what types of cells?**

- A) Prokaryotic
- B) Eukaryotic

**2. Plant cells do not have a nucleus for their DNA.**

- True
- False

**3. Plants are made up of many cells; they are multicellular.**

- True
- False

**4. For extra support and protection, plants cells have:**

- A) special organelles
- B) cell nucleus
- C) cell walls

**5. Plants only stay in one place, and are immobile.**

- True
- False

**6. Since plants make their own food, they are called:**

- A) heterotrophs
- B) autotrophs
- C) phototrophs

**7. Plants use organelles called chloroplasts to absorb energy from the sun.**

- True
- False

**8. An example of plant tissues and organs are:**

- A) roots and stems
- B) leaves and flowers
- C) both A and B





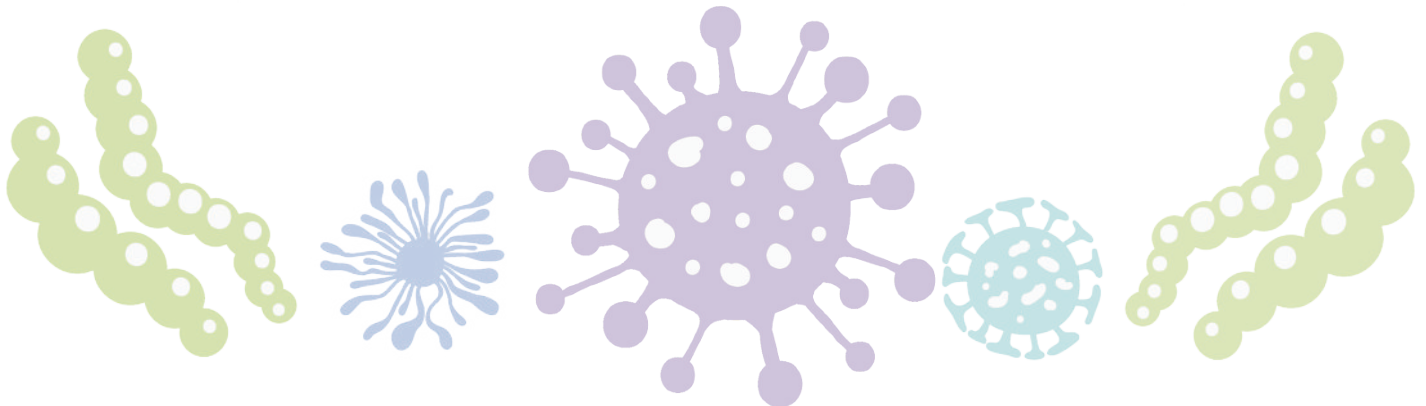


# The Wide World of Plants

*With so many different plants in the world, it's tough to keep them all straight. But there are certain features we can see in plants that allow us to put them into helpful categories.*

## Recommended Reading

-  *Plants: Flower Plants, Ferns, Mosses, and Other Plants*, by Shar Levine and Leslie Johnstone (Note: The intro to chapters 4 and 5 refer to the earth being over 100 million years old.)
-  *The Tree Book: For Kids and their Grown Ups*, by Gina Ingoglia, p. 26-89 (Note: Fantastic resource for identifying trees during this week's activity.)



# ACTIVITY

## Nature Walk – Exploring Plants

Now that you know a little bit more about the different divisions of plants, take some time to get outdoors and explore plants this week!

### SUPPLY LIST

- Copies of Exploring Plants: Observation Journal page
- Pencil

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Walk around outside and try to find examples of plants that are in the four different divisions of plants we discussed in plants:
  - Phylum Bryophyta, the mosses
  - Phylum Pterophyta, the ferns
  - Phylum Coniferophyta, the cone-bearing plants
  - Phylum Anthophyta, the flowering plants
2. Try to find at least one to two different examples of each category of plant you can sketch on the Exploring Plants: Observation Journal page.
3. See if you can identify the species of the plant — use a book or online resource to help you out!

### Reminder!

Be sure to continue caring for and monitoring your bean plant. How is it doing?

Take the time to sketch what it looks like and record its height.

# EXPLORING PLANTS OBSERVATION JOURNAL

<p><b>What phylum is this plant in?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Pterophyta</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Bryophyta</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Coniferophyta</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Anthophyta</li></ul>	<p><b>What species of plant is this?</b></p> <hr/> <hr/>	<p><b>Record any noteworthy features of this plant:</b></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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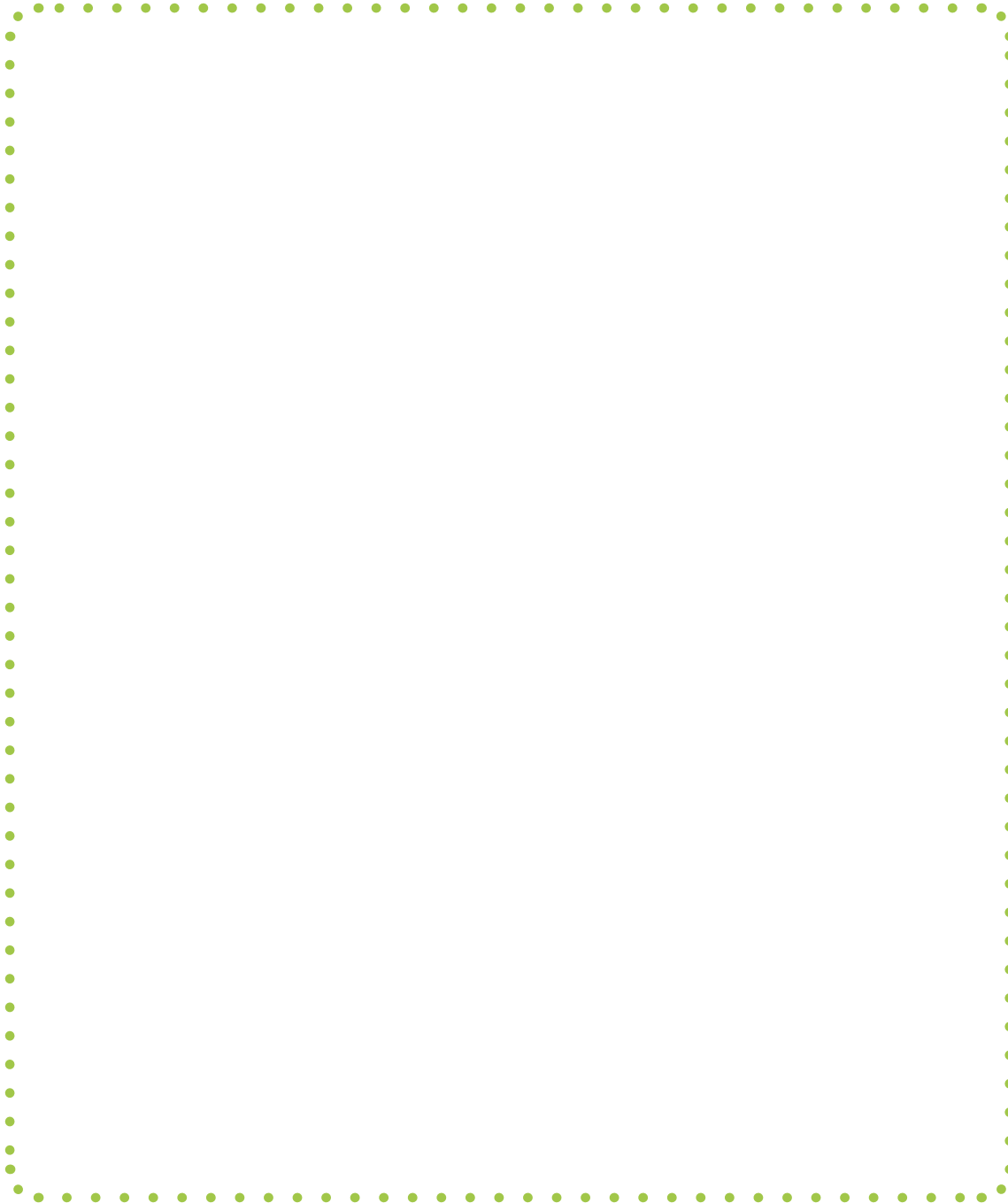
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# SKETCH YOUR BEAN PLANT

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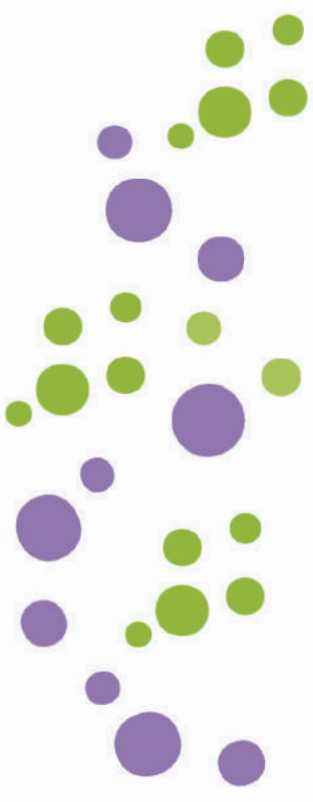
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What phylum of plants reproduce with spores and do not have vascular tissue?

**ANSWER:**

Phylum Bryophyta, the mosses.



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Phylum Pterophyta, the ferns.



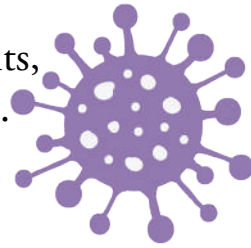
LESSON 11

**QUESTION:**

What phyla of plants reproduce with seeds and have vascular tissues?

**ANSWER:**

Phylum Coniferophyta, the cone-bearing plants, and Phylum Anthophyta, the flowering plants.



LESSON 11



# The Wide World of Plants



## Lesson 11 Quiz

1. **The 4 major groups of plants are the mosses, the ferns, the conifers, and the flowering plants.**

- True
- False

2. **Vascular plants use special tissue inside the plant to:**

- A) anchor to soil
- B) carry water and minerals
- C) reproduce

3. **What two structures can plants use for reproduction?**

- A) Seeds or spores
- B) Rhizoids or seeds
- C) Spores or minerals

4. **Mosses known as Bryophytes are:**

- A) nonvascular and reproduce with spores
- B) vascular and reproduce with seeds found in cones
- C) vascular and reproduce with spores
- D) vascular and reproduce with seeds found in fruit

5. **Ferns known as Pteridophytes are:**

- A) vascular and reproduce with seeds found in cones
- B) nonvascular and reproduce with spores
- C) vascular and reproduce with seeds found in fruit
- D) vascular and reproduce with spores

6. **Gymnosperms including the major phylum conifers, are:**

- A) vascular and reproduce with spores
- B) vascular and reproduce with seeds found in cones
- C) vascular and reproduce with seeds found in fruit
- D) nonvascular, and reproduce with spores

7. **Angiosperms including the major phylum anthophyta, or flowering plants are:**

- A) vascular and reproduce with seeds found in cones
- B) nonvascular and reproduce with spores
- C) vascular and reproduce with spores
- D) vascular and reproduce with seeds found in fruit

8. **Which of the following is not true?**

- A) Spores are smaller than seeds.
- B) Spores have a thick wall around them to provide support and structure.
- C) Seeds contain a food supply within them for the embryonic plant.
- D) Seeds have a protective coating around them for protection.






# Mean, Green, Energy-Making Machines

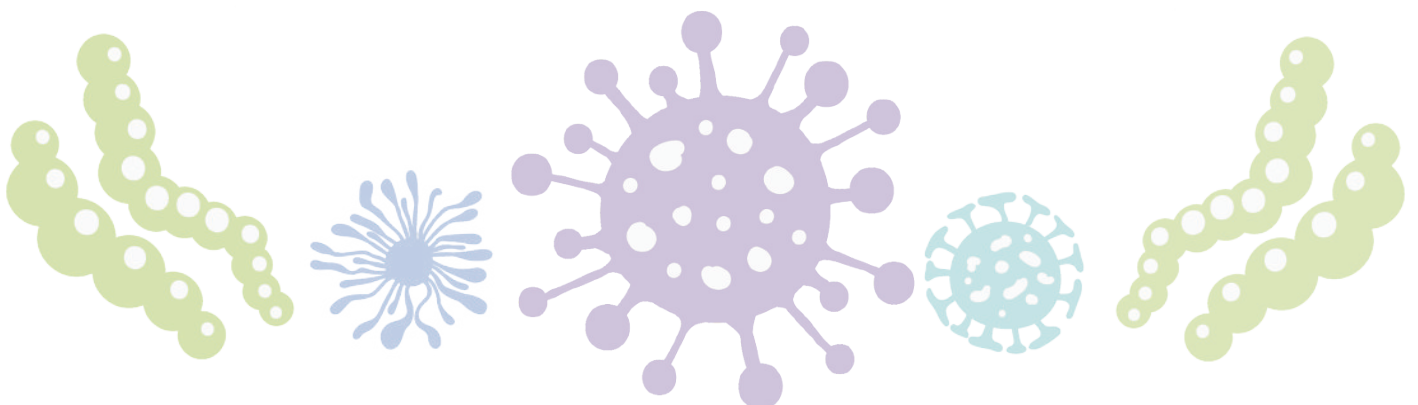
*Without leaves, flowering plants would have no way to get the energy they need to survive. In this lesson you'll learn what makes leaves so important and the tricks you can use to tell one plant from another.*

## Recommended Reading

 *Plant Parts*, by Richard and Louis Spilsbury, p. 6-11

 *Botany: Plants, Cells, and Photosynthesis*, by April Chloe Terrazas

 *The Tree Book: For Kids and their Grown Ups*, by Gina Ingolia, p. 10-13





# ACTIVITY

## NATURE WALK - EXPLORING LEAVES

In this week's activity you'll continue observing nature around you, but this time you'll specifically be looking at leaves! If it's winter and all of the leaves have fallen from the trees, you might have to save this one until it warms up again.

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### SUPPLY LIST

- Copies of Exploring Leaves: Observation Journal page
- Pencil
- Wax paper (optional)
- Thin towel (optional)
- Iron (optional)
- Ironing Board (optional)

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go out on a nature walk and look for all sorts of different leaves. Collect leaves from different plants you find.
2. Sketch the leaves or make a leaf press to include on the Exploring Leaves: Observation Journal Page.
3. After you get home, use the leaves and other information you collected to try to identify the plants you found — use a book or online resource to help you out!

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESSING & PRESERVING LEAVES *(optional)*

*Instead of sketching your leaves, you can preserve them easily using wax paper. You'll need an adult to help with this!*

1. Begin by putting each leaf between 2 pieces of wax paper. Place a towel on top of the wax paper and press on the towel with a warm iron to seal the wax paper together. This will take about 3-4 minutes.
2. Flip the leaf and wax paper over, cover it with a towel, and press on the towel with a warm iron again.
3. Allow the leaves to cool and then peel the wax paper away. You can now paste your leaf onto your Observation Journal Page.

### Reminder!

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# EXPLORING LEAVES OBSERVATION JOURNAL

Where I found this leaf?	What color is the leaf?	What is the overall shape of the leaf?	What is the leaf's venation?	What species of plant is this?
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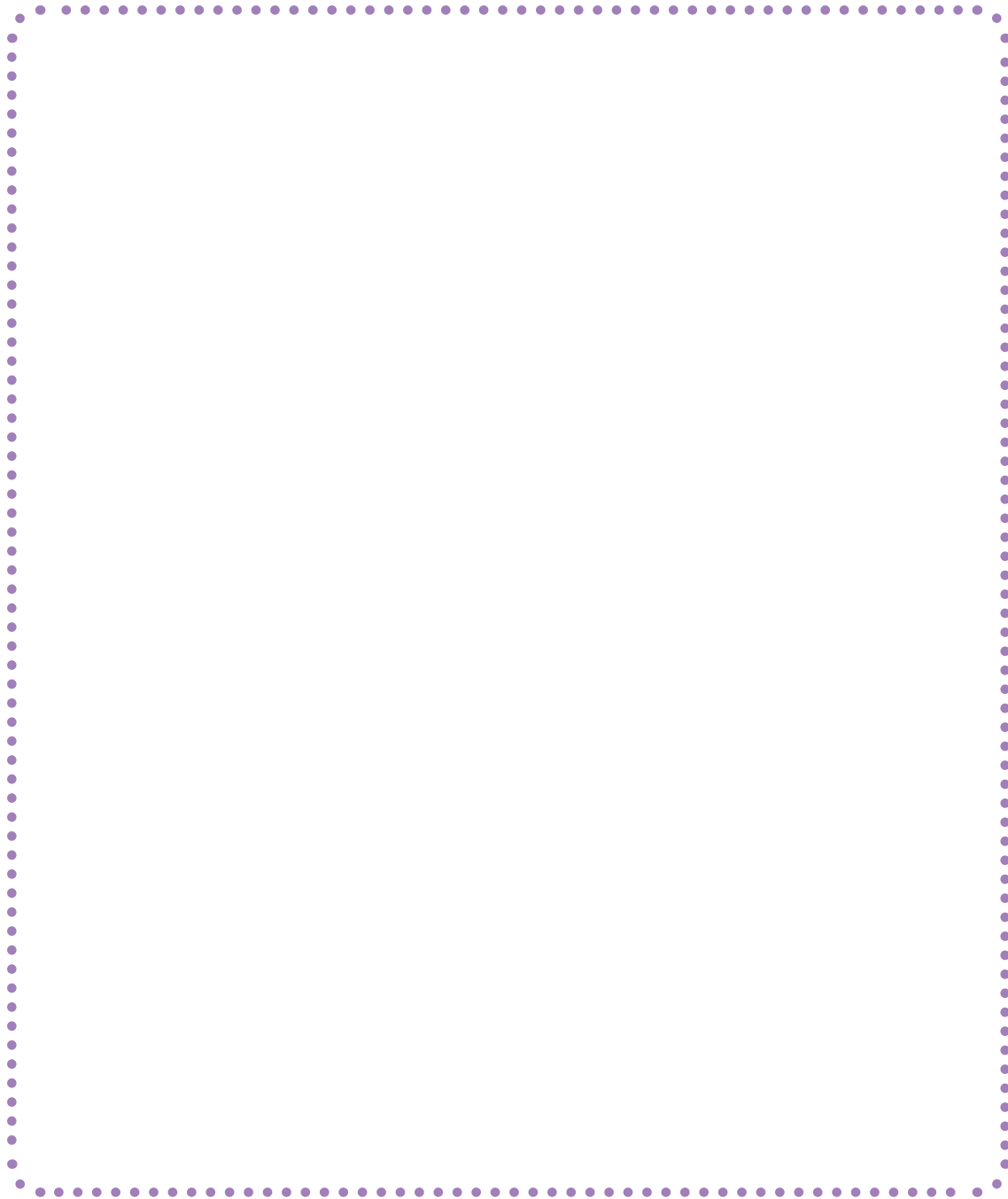
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## LESSON 12: LUKE 21:29B-30

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**QUESTION:**

Botanists often look at leaves to classify plants. What are three things they look for when looking at leaves?

**ANSWER:**

Margin, venation, and shape



LESSON 12

**QUESTION:**

What is the organelle that's responsible for absorbing energy from sunlight for photosynthesis?

**ANSWER:**

Chloroplasts



LESSON 12

**QUESTION:**

What are the small pores in a leaf called that let carbon dioxide in and oxygen out?

**ANSWER:**

Stoma



LESSON 12



# Mean, Green, Energy-Making Machines



## Lesson 12 Quiz

**1. Chloroplasts are:**

- A) molecules that help transport water from the roots to the leaves
- B) special organelles that absorb energy from the sun
- C) small pores on the bottom of the leaf that allow carbon dioxide to enter the leaf and oxygen to exit the leaf

**2. The process a plant uses to make its own food is called:**

- A) energy exchange
- B) autotrophing
- C) photosynthesis

**3. The one cell thick, outside layer of the leaf is called the:**

- A) epidermis
- B) stomata
- C) palmate

**4. Stomata are:**

- A) small pores on the bottom of the leaf that allow carbon dioxide to enter the leaf and oxygen to exit the leaf
- B) special organelles that absorb energy from the sun
- C) molecules that help transport water from the roots to the leaves

**5. The edge of the leaf is called the**

- A) brim
- B) margin
- C) outer line

**6. The lines running through a leaf are veins and the shape of these veins is called venation**

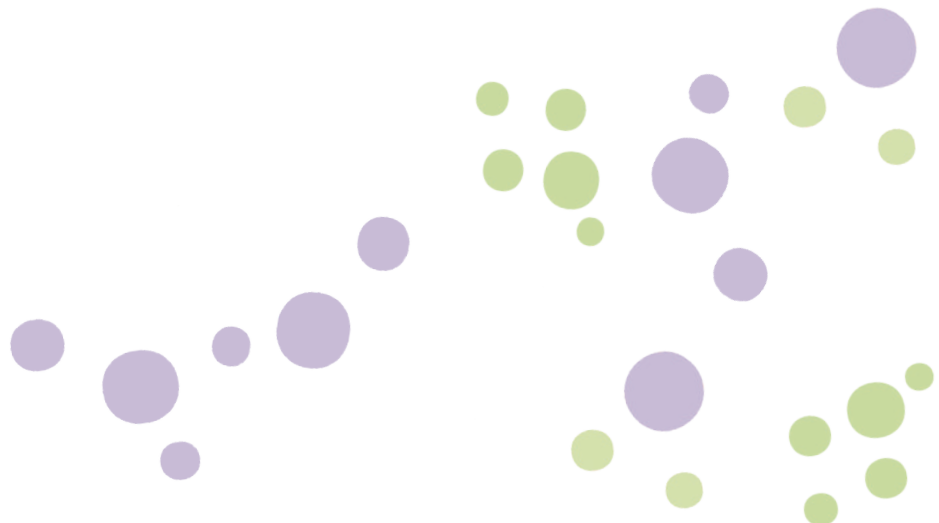
- True
- False

**7. Which of the following can give us clues when trying to identify the type of plant we're looking at?**

- A) Leaf shape
- B) Venation
- C) Leaf margin
- D) All of the above

**8. Which are types of venation?**

- A) Pinnate, palmate, and pinnacle
- B) Parallel and pinnate
- C) Parallel, pinnate, and palmate







## Roots and Shoots

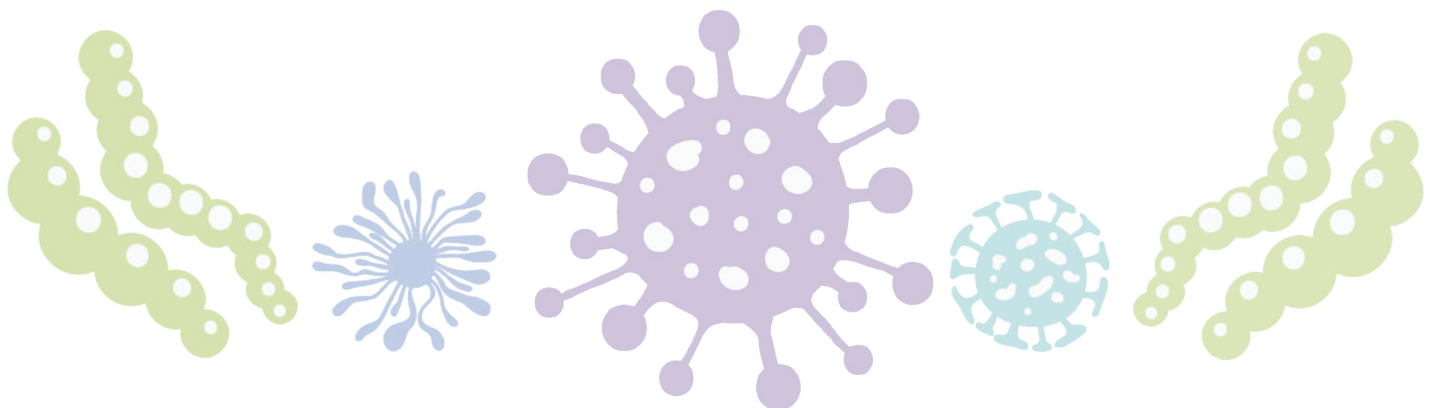
*What allows a plant to get water from the ground? What allows the food made in plant leaves to get all around a plant? The answer is found in two important organs: stems and roots.*

### Recommended Reading

 *Plant Parts*, by Richard and Louis Spilsbury, p. 30-39

 *Tops and Bottoms*, by Janet Stevens

 *The Tree Book: For Kids and their Grown Ups*, by Gina Ingoglia, p. 8-9; 18-21







# ACTIVITY **Traveling Water**

Plants need water for survival. Roots pull water from the ground and it's transported up through the stems. Tiny tubes are all throughout the plant, called xylem which move the water. It's usually hard to see how that water moves, but with this activity you'll have a chance to see how it works in action!

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## SUPPLY LIST

- 2 white carnations
- 3 cups
- Food coloring
- Sharp knife (be sure an adult helps with this!)

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill all 3 cups  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way with water and add enough food coloring to each cup to get a nice vibrant color. Use a different color in each cup.
2. Cut 2 inches off the bottom of each carnation. Then, slice one of the carnation stems lengthwise straight down the middle from the bottom to about halfway up the stem. Be sure to get an adult's help with cutting!
3. Place the carnation that does not have a split stem in one cup of water. Place each half of the cut carnation's stem in different colors of water.
4. Wait until the next day to observe your results.
5. Record your observations on the next page.

### **Reminder!**

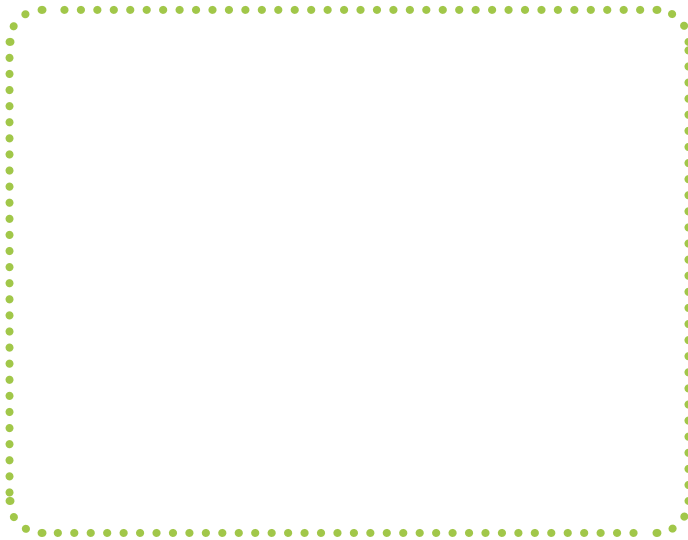
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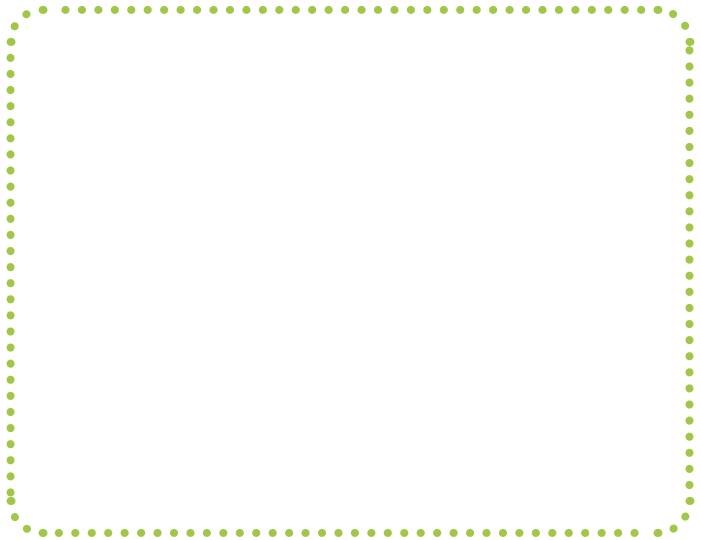
# WATCHING WATER TRAVEL OBSERVATIONS

Sketch each of your flowers below. Be sure to use a colored pencil or crayon to show what each flower looks like at the end of your observation.

## Split Carnation



## Whole Carnation



## QUESTIONS:

Are the two colors in the split carnation split or mixed throughout?

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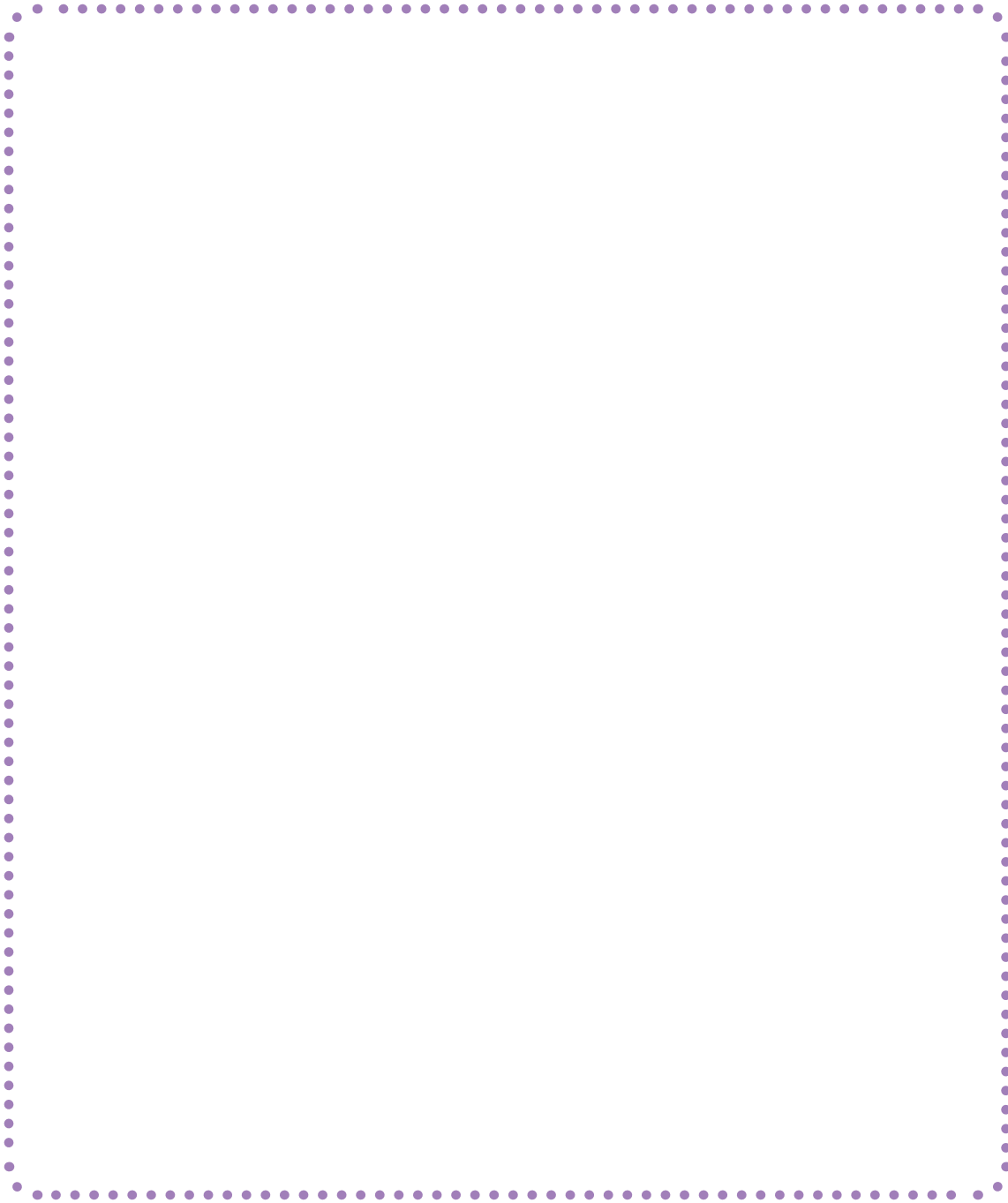
Given your observations, do you think the xylem tubes flow all throughout the flower or go straight up?

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# SKETCH YOUR BEAN PLANT

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## LESSON 13: PSALM 1:3

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of water that yields its fruit in its  
season, and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

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## LESSON 13: PSALM 1:3

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## LESSON 13: PSALM 1:3

Handwriting practice lines for Lesson 13: Psalm 1:3. The page contains six sets of horizontal lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line, providing a guide for letter height and placement.

**QUESTION:**

What organ transports water, nutrients, and food around a plant?

**ANSWER:**

Stem



LESSON 13

**QUESTION:**

What organ collects water and nutrients for a plant?

**ANSWER:**

Roots



LESSON 13

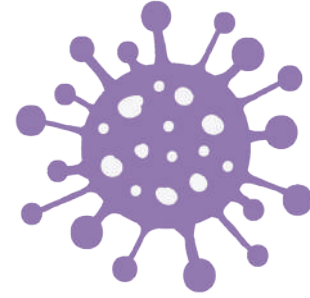


**QUESTION:**

In a stem, what transports nutrients and water from the roots up to the leaves?

**ANSWER:**

Xylem



LESSON 13

**QUESTION:**

In a stem, what transports food made in the leaves down to the roots?

**ANSWER:**

Phloem



LESSON 13

**QUESTION:**

What are the two types of roots?

**ANSWER:**

Taproots and fibrous roots



LESSON 13



# Roots and Shoots

## Lesson 13 Quiz



**1. Plant stems function to support the leaves and flowers of the plant, as well as carry water, nutrients, and food to different parts of the plant.**

- True
- False

**2. Some plants store food in their stems, such as potato and asparagus plants.**

- True
- False

**3. Stems, sometimes called shoots, and are typically found growing:**

- A) in trees
- B) above ground
- C) below ground

**4. Xylem tissue carries nutrients and water from the root to the leaves for:**

- A) gas exchange
- B) photosynthesis
- C) food absorption

**5. Phloem tissue carries the food created by photosynthesis in the leaves down to the:**

- A) flowers
- B) stem
- C) roots

**6. Roots function to anchor the plant, collect water and nutrients for the plant, and sometimes:**

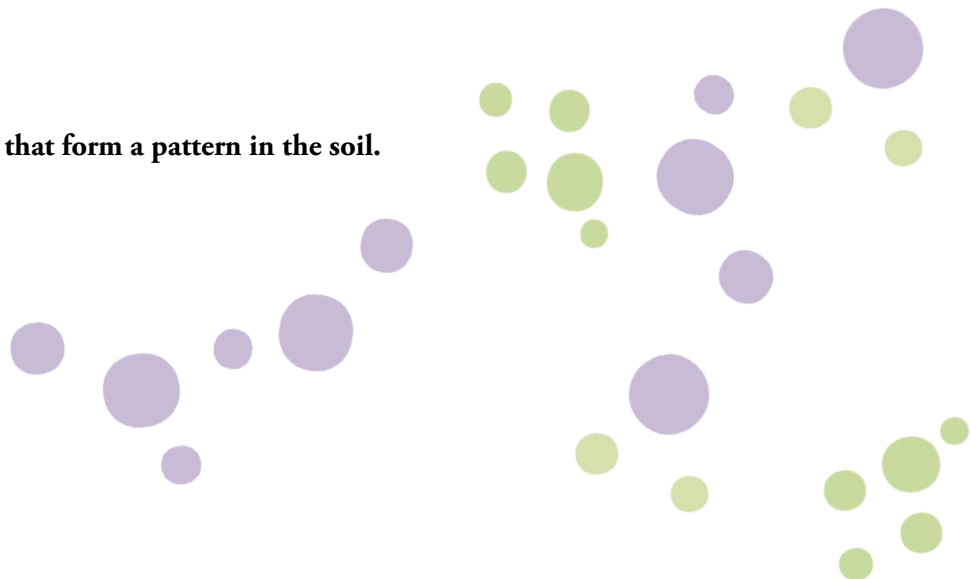
- A) store food for the plant
- B) borrow nutrients from other plants
- C) grow flowers

**7. Taproots grow deep into the soil and typically the type of root to:**

- A) consume energy
- B) be a tangled mass
- C) store food

**8. Fibrous roots have lots of branching roots that form a pattern in the soil.**

- True
- False







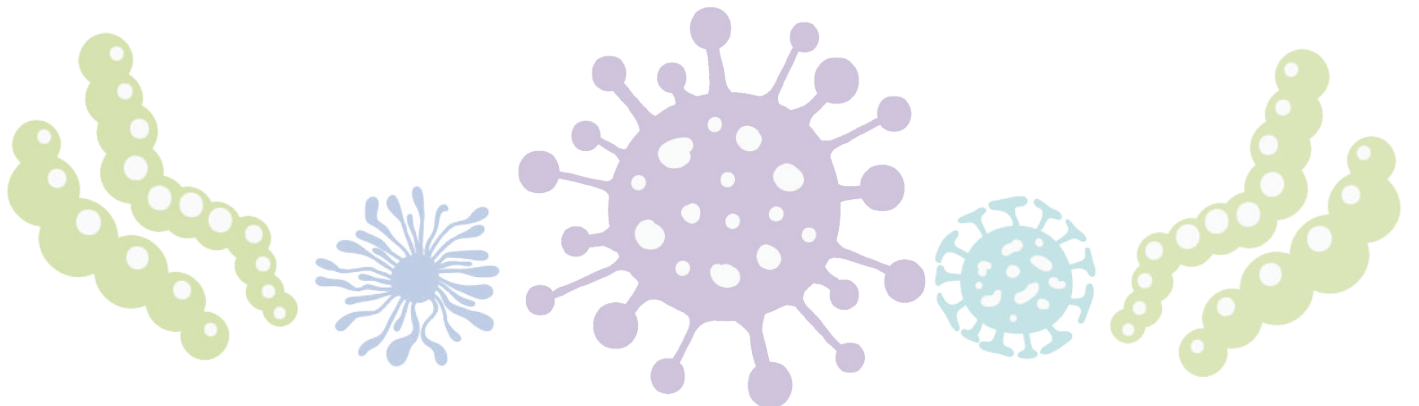
## The Reason for Flowers

*Flowers can be beautiful gifts to give someone, but they weren't designed by God just to be pretty decorations for our home. Flowers have a special purpose: they help make seeds which create new mature plants.*

### Recommended Reading

 *Plant Parts*, by Richard and Louis Spilsbury, p. 14-17

 *Flower Talk: How Plants Use Color to Communicate*, by Sara Levine





# ACTIVITY Flower Dissection

While flowers come in many shapes, sizes, and colors they all have generally the same parts. In this lab you'll be examining and identifying the reproductive structures found on various flowers.

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## SUPPLY LIST

- Flower diagram
- Copies of flower dissection observation page
- Colored pencils
- 2-3 different flowers (gladiola, lily, tulip, or daffodil would all work well)
- Sharp knife

## INSTRUCTIONS

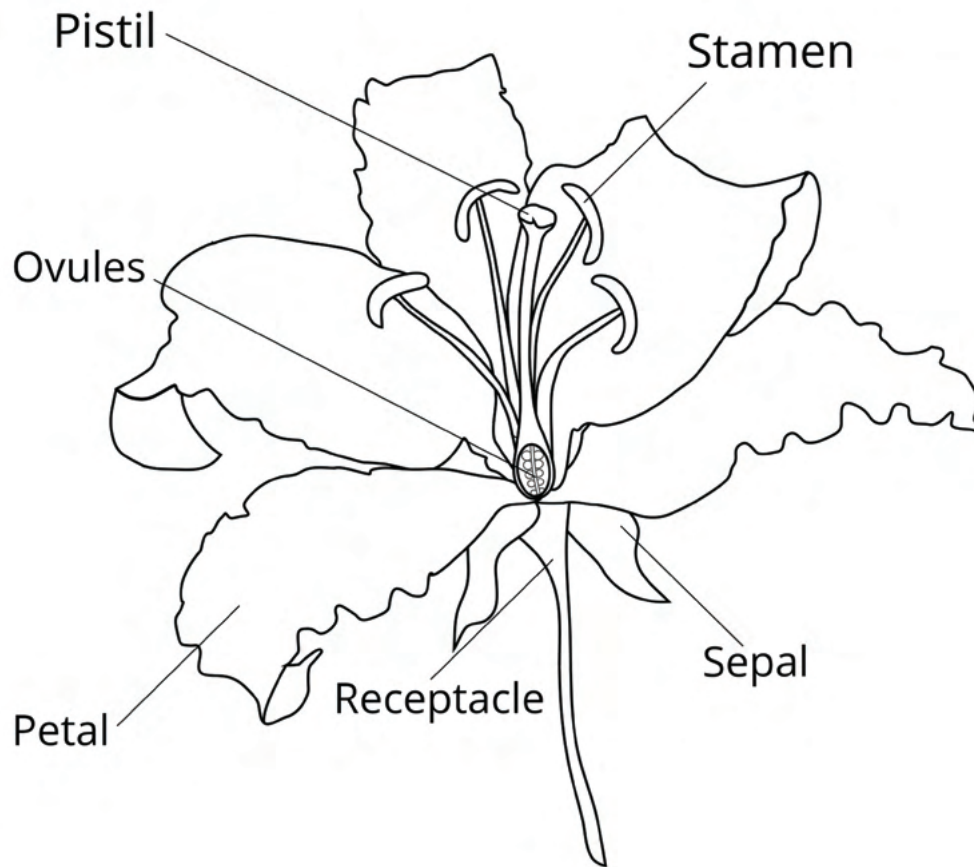
1. Begin by examining the flower diagram on the next page to make sure you're familiar with the main parts of the flower. Color the different parts according to directions.
2. Next, with a parent's help, carefully cut your flower down through the base until you have 2 equal halves.
3. Sketch the flower on the flower dissection observation page and label as many of the parts as you're able to find: receptacle, sepals, petals, stamen, pistil, and ovules.

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# FLOWER DIAGRAM



<b>RECEPTACLE:</b>	thickened part of the stem from where the flower grows; color light green
<b>SEPALS:</b>	covers and protects the flower before blooming; color dark green
<b>PETALS:</b>	colorful to attract birds and insects to pollinate; color pink
<b>STAMEN:</b>	male reproductive parts; color orange
<b>PISTIL:</b>	female reproductive parts; color yellow
<b>OVULES:</b>	female reproductive cells that become seeds if fertilized; color red



# FLOWER DISSECTION OBSERVATION

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Type of flower \_\_\_\_\_

Is your flower:    Perfect       Imperfect

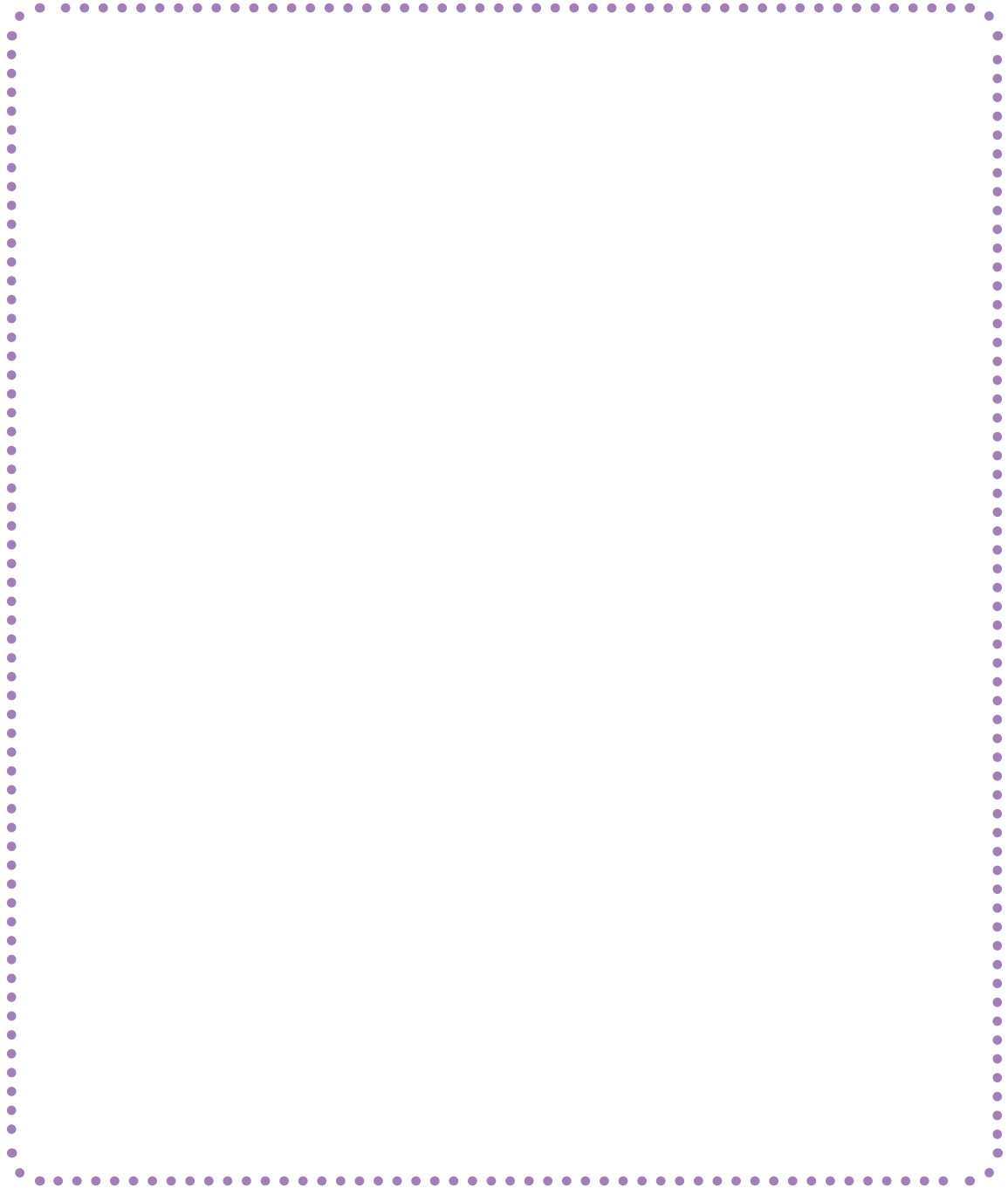
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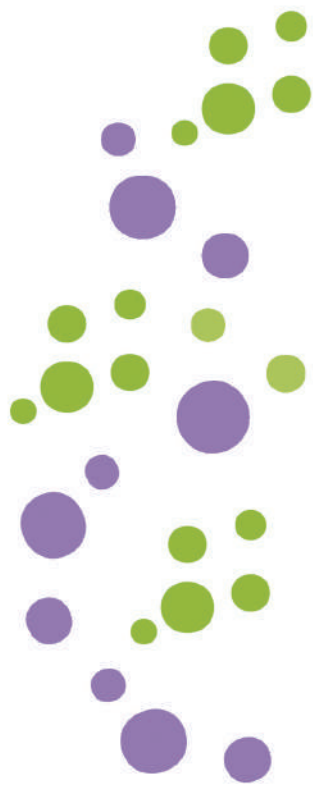
## LESSON 14: GENESIS 1:29

Then God said, "I give you every  
seed-bearing plant on the face of  
the whole earth and every tree that  
has fruit with seed in it. They will be  
yours for food."



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**QUESTION:**

What are the male and female portions of the flower called?

**ANSWER:**

Stamen and pistil



LESSON 14

**QUESTION:**

What is the process called when pollen is transferred from the stamen to the pistil?

**ANSWER:**

Pollination



LESSON 14



# The Reason for Flowers

## Lesson 14 Quiz



**1. There are 3 primary parts of a flower: sepals, petals, and pistil.**

- True
- False

**2. The stamen is the male portion of the flower, which has an anther covered in:**

- A) anther
- B) pollen
- C) seeds

**3. The pistil is the female portion of the flower, and has a stigma that is:**

- A) sticky to catch pollen
- B) brightly colored
- C) in the stamen

**4. Birds, insects, and the wind can all help pollinate different types of flowers.**

- True
- False

**5. Pollination occurs when pollen travels to the:**

- A) anther
- B) stamen
- C) pistil

**6. Fertilization occurs when the male cell in the pollen reaches the:**

- A) pistil of the flower
- B) anther in the stamen
- C) ovary in the pistil

**7. Pollination occurs:**

- A) before fertilization
- B) after fertilization

**8. Some plants have both male parts or stamen and female parts or pistils, these types of flowers are called:**

- A) absolute flowers
- B) perfect flowers
- C) imperfect flowers







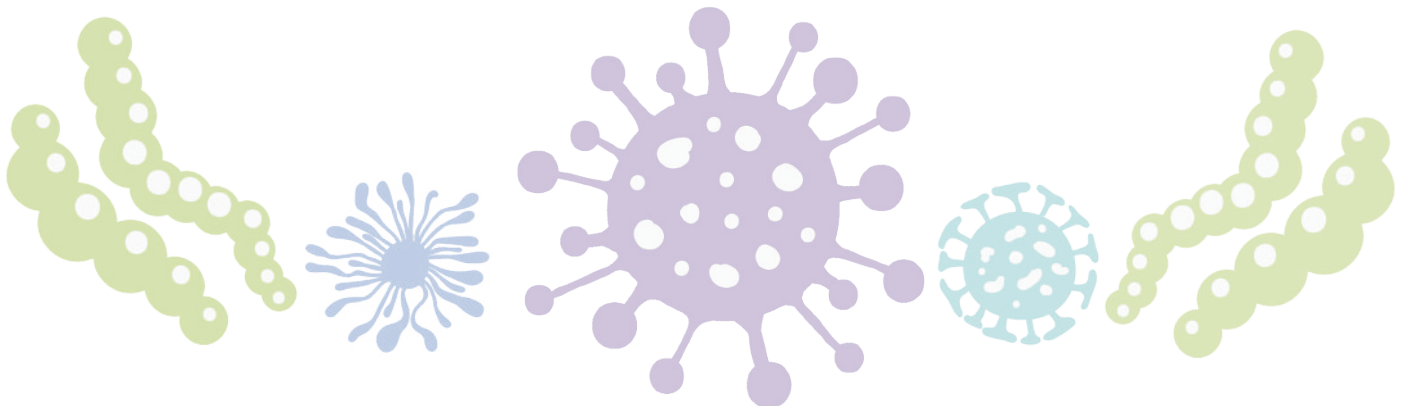


## It Begins with a Seed

*Most of us have a favorite kind of fruit. Some of us love bananas or apples or peaches. Some of us love berries or avocados or olives. But why do plants go to all the trouble to make fruit in the first place? It's not just to feed us, but to carry the seed away from the parent plant.*

### Recommended Reading

-  *Seeds and More Seeds*, by Millicent E. Selsam
-  *The Tree Book: For Kids and their Grown Ups*, by Gina Ingoglia, p. 14-17
-  *A Weed is a Flower: The Life of George Washington Carver*, by Aiki (lower elementary)
-  *Who Was George Washington Carver?* by Jim Gigliotti (upper elementary)





# ACTIVITY Fruit Dissection

Fruits are the ripened ovaries of the flower. They come in all shapes and sizes, but their function is the same — to protect the seeds housed within them and to help spread the seeds around.

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## SUPPLY LIST

- Various fruits (tomato, olive, blackberry, apple, oranges, peach, bell pepper,
- Sharp knife
- Hand lens
- Copies of Fruit Observation worksheet
- Pencil

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Examine each piece of fruit on the outside. Sketch the outside of the fruit.
2. With a parent's help, cut each piece of fruit in half and examine the inside. Sketch the inside of the fruit.
3. After you've completed examining each piece of fruit, consider how they are similar and different.

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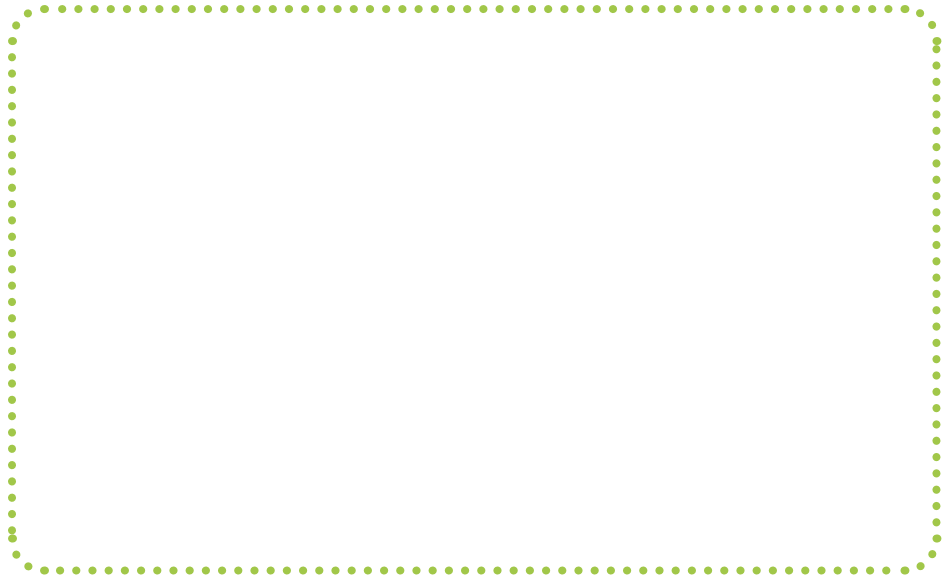
# FRUIT DISSECTION OBSERVATION

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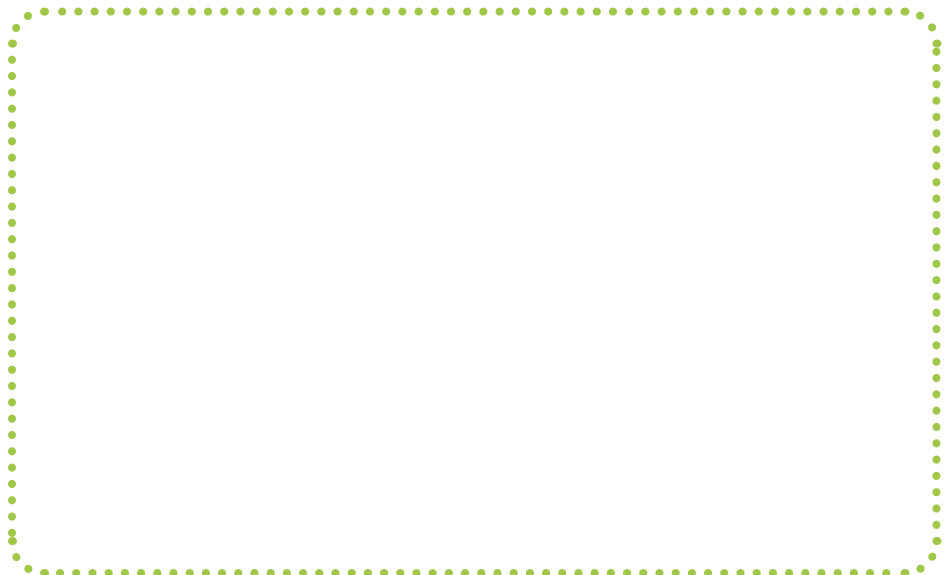
Name of fruit \_\_\_\_\_

How many seeds are in your fruit? \_\_\_\_\_

External  
Structure  
of Fruit



Internal  
Structure  
of Fruit





# SKETCH YOUR BEAN PLANT

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**How many days since your bean was planted? \_\_\_\_\_**

**How tall is your bean plant? \_\_\_\_\_**



## LESSON 15: MARK 4:26B-27

The kingdom of God is as if a man  
should scatter seed on the ground.  
He sleeps and rises night and day,  
and the seed sprouts and grows;  
he knows not how.



## LESSON 15: MARK 4:26B-27

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night and day, and the seed sprouts and he

knows not how.



## LESSON 15: MARK 4:26B-27

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**QUESTION:**

What is the primary job of fruit?

**ANSWER:**

Disperse seeds



LESSON 15

**QUESTION:**

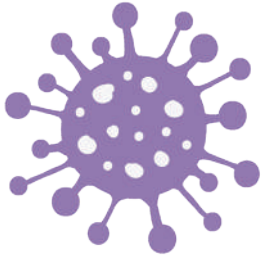
What is the process called when a plant sprouts from a seed?

**ANSWER:**

Germination



LESSON 15



# It Begins with a Seed

## Lesson 15 Quiz



**1. After fertilization, the plant loses its:**

- A) petals, ovary, stamen
- B) petals, stamen, and sepals
- C) petals, color and stamen

**2. Which of the following is not part of the seed?**

- A) Plant embryo
- B) Outer protective covering
- C) Food
- D) Petals

**3. After the ovary of a plant has been fertilized, it grows into a:**

- A) fruit
- B) flower
- C) seed

**4. Fruit is designed to:**

- A) make more seeds
- B) attract bees
- C) disperse seeds

**5. A seed in a dormant state is growing very slowly.**

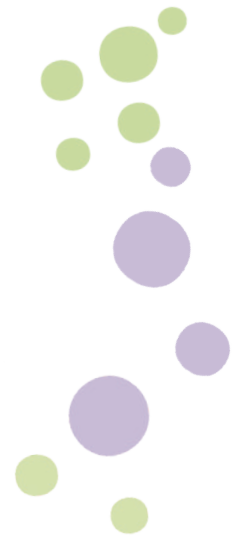
- True
- False

**6. For a seed to begin to grow, it needs the right amount of water, the right amount of oxygen in the air, the right temperature, right amount of sunlight, and the right amount of soil.**

- True
- False

**7. Germination is when the seed:**

- A) begins to sprout
- B) grows fruit
- C) is fertilized








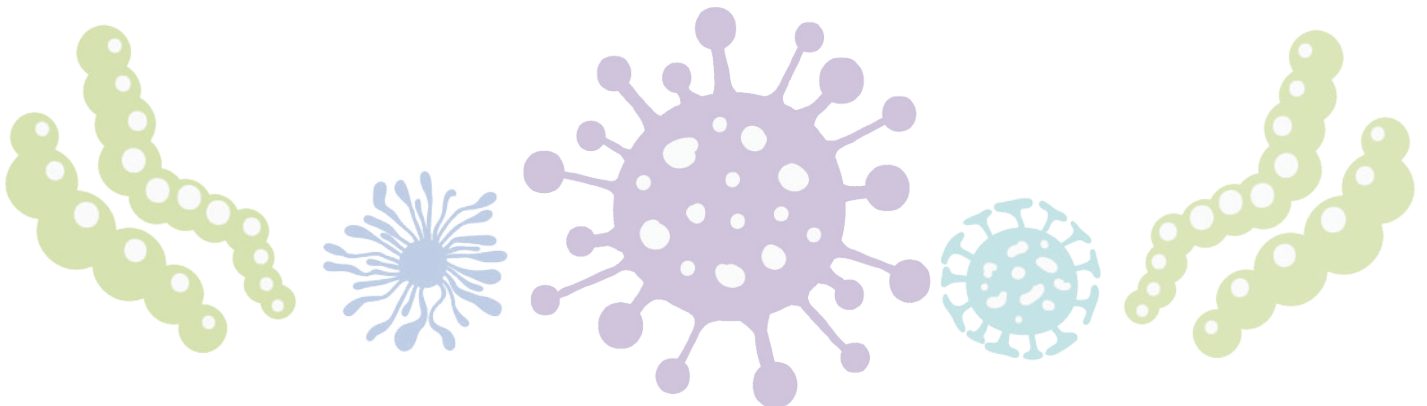


# The Amazing Animals

*So many different kinds of animals are everywhere! But did you know there are certain characteristics that every single animal shares, no matter how big or small, no matter their shape, their size, or their color?*

## Recommended Reading

-  *Carnivores, Herbivores, Omnivores*, by Nicola Tyrrell
-  *Animal Classifications: Invertebrates*, by Angela Royston
-  *Bubble Homes and Fish Farts*, by Fiona Bayrock





# ACTIVITY

## Comparing Vertebrates & Invertebrates

Most larger animals, especially those that live on land, have a vertebral column—also known as a backbone. In this activity, we'll have a chance to explore how a backbone might help an animal.

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### SUPPLY LIST

- Playdough
- Pipe cleaner
- Small wooden blocks

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use your playdough to create a four-legged animal. Be sure your animal can stand up on its own four legs without your support.
  2. Next, create another four-legged animal about the same shape and size as your first one, but this time place a pipe cleaner in the middle of its back. Be sure to trim the pipe cleaner to be the correct size. Be sure this animal can also stand on its own four legs without your support.
  3. The animal you created without the pipe cleaner is your “invertebrate” and the animal with your pipe cleaner is your “vertebrate” animal. The pipe cleaner in your animal’s back acts as the vertebral column, or backbone.
  4. Place one block on the back of each of your animals. Observe what happens.
  5. Continue to place blocks on the back of each of your animals, one at a time, until one animal collapses. Answer the questions about this activity below.
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## ACTIVITY QUESTIONS

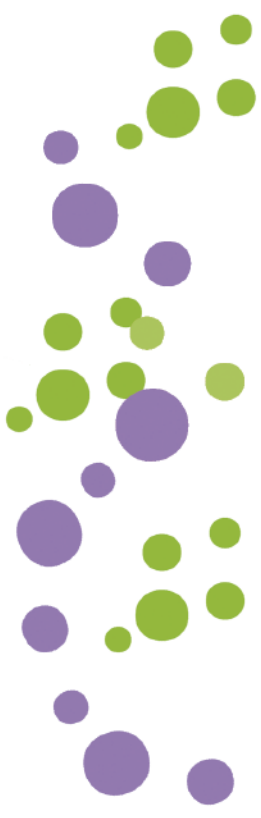
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Which animal collapsed under the weight of the blocks?

Why do you believe the animal collapsed and the other did not?

What do you think a vertebral column does for an animal?

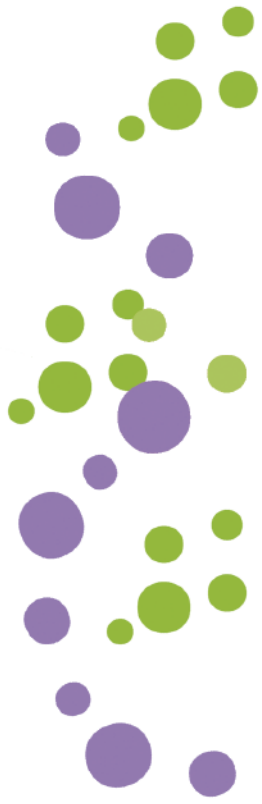
Why do you think many larger animals, especially those that live on land, have backbones?



## LESSON 16: JOB 35:11

Who teaches us more than  
the beasts of the earth and  
makes us wiser than the birds  
of the heavens?

Four sets of handwriting practice lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



# LESSON 16: JOB 35:11

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 10 sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).



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Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth  
and makes us wiser than the birds of the  
heavens?

Four sets of blank handwriting lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line, provided for practicing the text above.



## LESSON 16: JOB 35:11

Handwriting practice lines for the lesson. Each line consists of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. There are six such lines provided for practice.



**QUESTION:**

What are the three characteristics of organisms in the animal kingdom?

**ANSWER:**

(1) Heterotrophic (2) Multicellular (3) With a skeleton

LESSON 16

**QUESTION:**

What types of foods do herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores eat?

**ANSWER:**

Herbivores eat plants. Carnivores eat animals. Omnivores eat both plants and animals.



LESSON 16

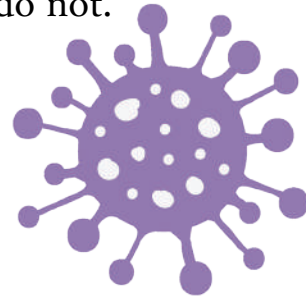


**QUESTION:**

What is the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates?

**ANSWER:**

Vertebrates have a backbone; invertebrates do not.



LESSON 16



# The Amazing Animals



## Lesson 16 Quiz

1. All animals are heterotrophic, multicellular, and have some form of skeleton.

- True
- False

2. Herbivores are animals that eat:

- A) other animals
- B) plants
- C) both plants and animals

3. Carnivores are animals that eat:

- A) other animals
- B) plants
- C) both plants and animals

4. Omnivores are animals that eat:

- A) other animals
- B) plants
- C) both plants and animals

5. An endoskeleton is:

- A) on the outside of the body
- B) on the inside of the body
- C) made only of cartilage

6. An exoskeleton is:

- A) on the outside of the body
- B) on the inside of the body
- C) either on the outside or inside of the body

7. Hydroskeletons are bones that are made of water.

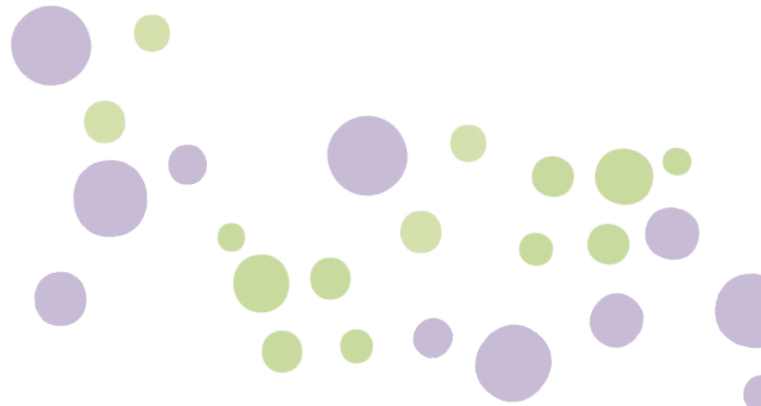
- True
- False

8. Animals with a backbone are called:

- A) vertebrates
- B) invertebrates
- C) heterotrophs
- D) autotrophs

9. Invertebrates are animals that sometimes have a backbone.

- True
- False





## Silly Sea Sponges

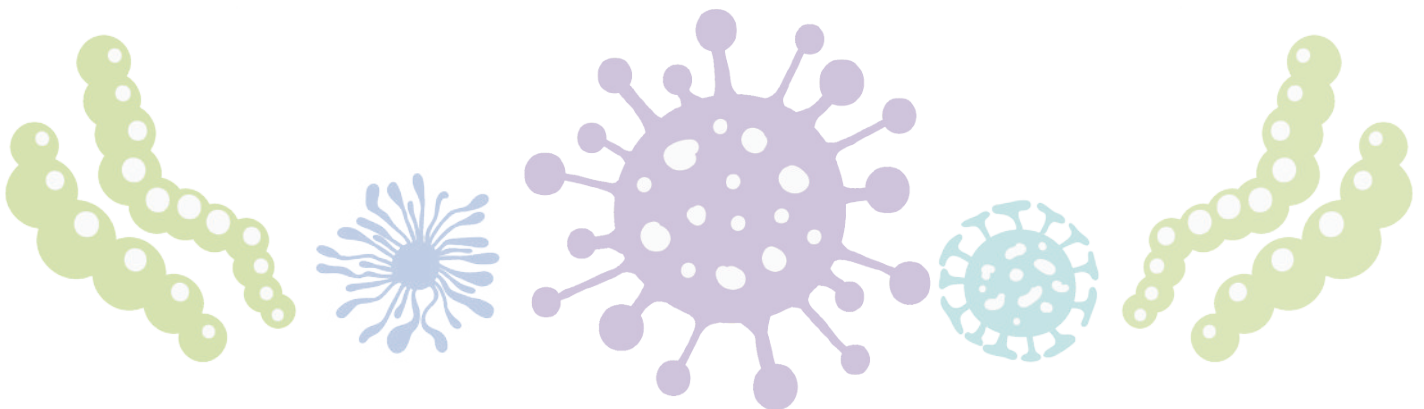
*You've probably used a sponge to clean the dishes, but you may not know that sponges are actually animals! These interesting creatures have features that are unique to only them-no other animals on earth have these features.*

### Recommended Reading

 *Sponges: Spectacular Sea Creatures*, by Laura Sue Perricone

 *Sponges are Skeletons*, by Barbara Juster Esbensen

 *Manfish: A story of Jacques Cousteau*, by Jennifer Berne



# ACTIVITY Exploring Symmetry in Living Creatures

All animals have a body shape that can be classified as having bilateral symmetry, radial symmetry, or they can be classified as being asymmetrical. Bilateral symmetry means an organism can be divided into left and right sides to make a mirror image of one another. Radial symmetry means we can divide it in many different ways to form a mirror image. If an organism is asymmetrical, it means it has no symmetry at all.

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## Part 1:

Look at the following animals. Label each of them as having bilateral symmetry, radial symmetry, or asymmetry.



## Part 2:

Now it's your turn! Carefully trace the butterfly, starfish, and sea sponge pictures found on the following pages. If the animal exhibits symmetry be sure to decorate it symmetrically, if it's asymmetrical, you may decorate it any way you'd like.

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# Exploring Symmetry in Living Creatures

## **Butterfly:**

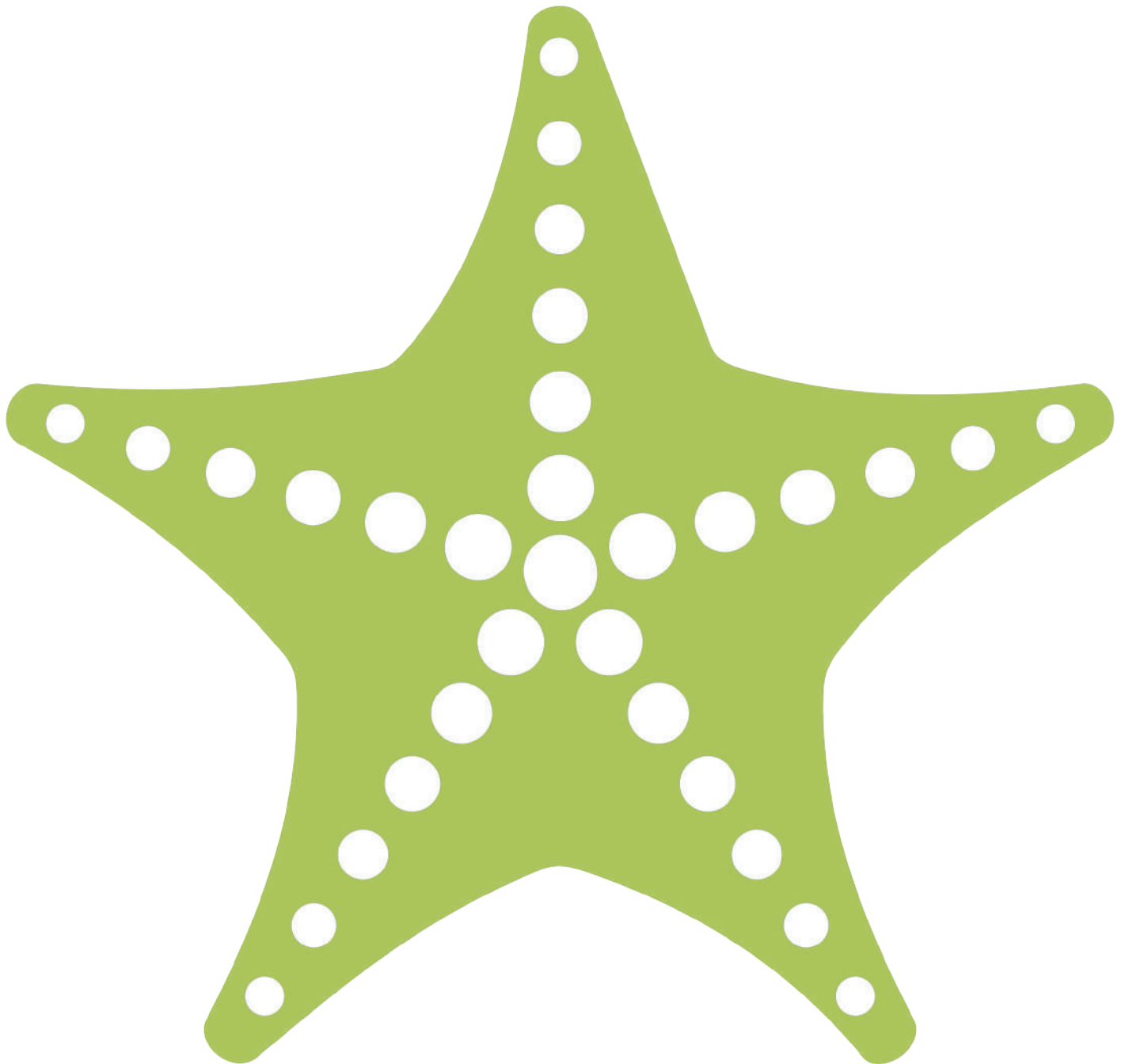
Trace the butterfly. If the animal exhibits symmetry be sure to decorate it symmetrically, if it's asymmetrical, you may decorate it any way you'd like.



# Exploring Symmetry in Living Creatures

## **Starfish:**

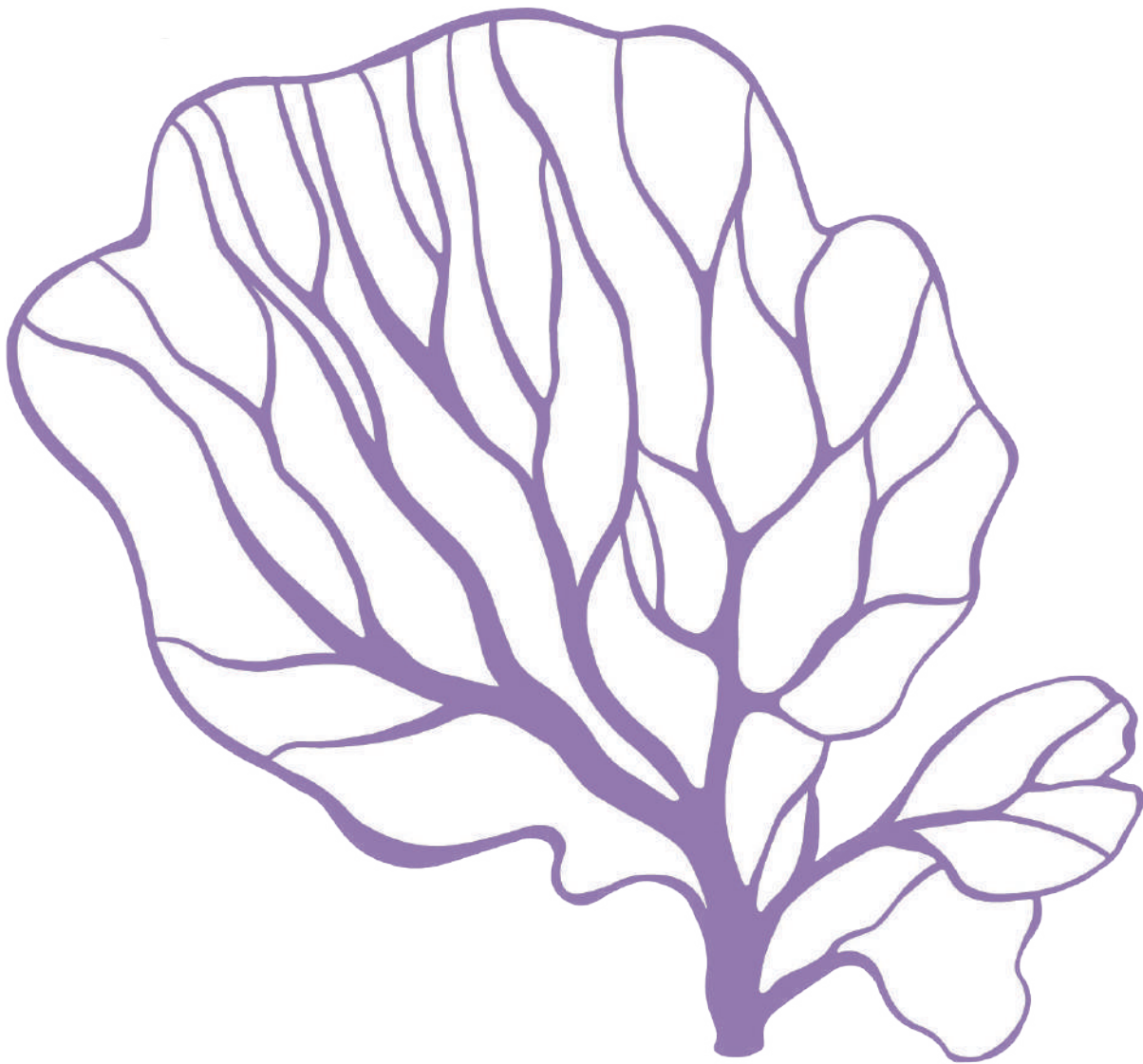
Trace the starfish. If the animal exhibits symmetry be sure to decorate it symmetrically, if it's asymmetrical, you may decorate it any way you'd like.



# Exploring Symmetry in Living Creatures

## Sea Sponge:

Trace the sea sponge. If the animal exhibits symmetry be sure to decorate it symmetrically, if it's asymmetrical, you may decorate it any way you'd like.



# Animal Fact File

## Phylum Porifera

Choose an animal in this phylum to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate  
 Invertebrate

Herbivore  
 Carnivore  
 Omnivore

Fun Facts

Picture







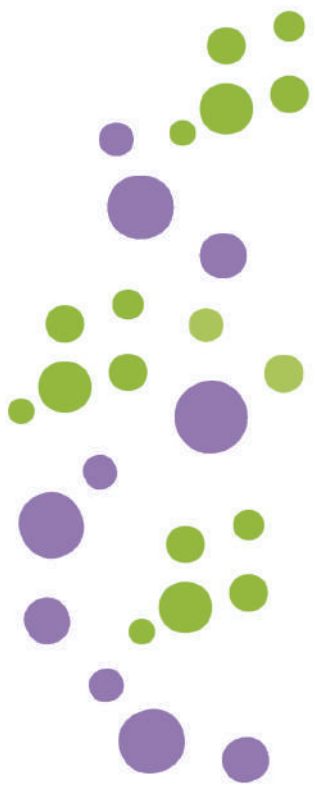
## LESSON 17: JOHN STEINBECK

“In strange and beautiful  
waves. It sells the lovely  
animals of the sea, the  
sponges, tunicates, anemones  
the living moving flowers  
of the sea.”



## LESSON 17: JOHN STEINBECK

Handwriting practice lines consisting of multiple sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).



## LESSON 17: JOHN STEINBECK

*"In strange and beautiful wares. It sells the  
lovely animals of the sea, the sponges, tunicates,  
anemones... the living morning flowers of the  
sea."*

Four sets of handwriting practice lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



## LESSON 17: JOHN STEINBECK

Handwriting practice lines consisting of six sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).

**QUESTION:**

What are four features sea sponges have?

**ANSWER:**

1) They live in aquatic biomes. 2) They are invertebrates. 3) They're sessile. 4) They are asymmetrical.



LESSON 17

**QUESTION:**

What is bilateral symmetry?

**ANSWER:**

Bilateral symmetry is when you can draw a line through an organism, dividing it into left and right sides that look the same.



LESSON 17

**QUESTION:**

What is radial symmetry?



**ANSWER:**

Radial symmetry is when you can draw a line through an organism several different ways and it looks the same on both sides.

LESSON 17

**QUESTION:**

What is asymmetry?



**ANSWER:**

Asymmetry is when you can't draw a line through an organism where both sides look the same.

LESSON 17



# Silly Sea Sponges

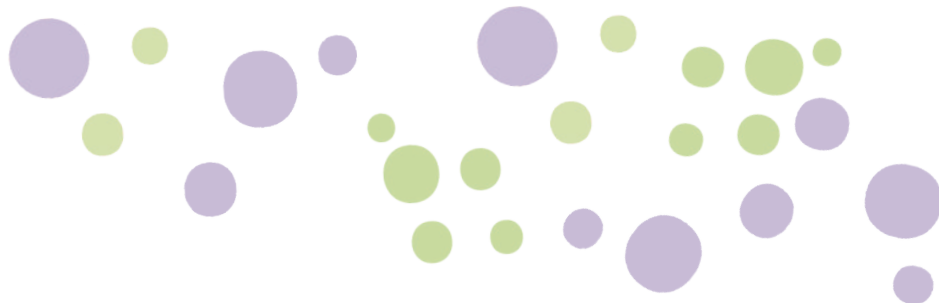


## Lesson 17 Quiz

- 1. Phylum Porifera are pore bearers, meaning:**
  - A) they have pores on one side of their body
  - B) they have pores all over their bodies
  - C) they have pores inside their cells
- 2. Sponges are heterotrophic, meaning they:**
  - A) filter water for food
  - B) eat other sponges
  - C) use sunlight to create food
- 3. The body of a sponge is:**
  - A) solid and contains cartilage
  - B) very small and filled with algae
  - C) hollow and sac-like
- 4. Sponges live:**
  - A) in the desert
  - B) in the forest
  - C) in the water
- 5. Sponges are invertebrates, meaning they do not have a backbone.**

True  
False
- 6. Sponges are sessile as adults, meaning:**
  - A) there are only male sponges, no females
  - B) they don't move, but stay in one place
  - C) they must eat other organisms for food
- 7. Sponges are asymmetrical, which means you can draw a line through them and one side looks like a mirror image of the other side.**

True  
False
- 8. When you can draw a line through an organism several different ways and it looks the same on both sides, we call this:**
  - A) asymmetrical
  - B) bilaterally symmetrical
  - C) radially symmetrical







## Wiggly Worms

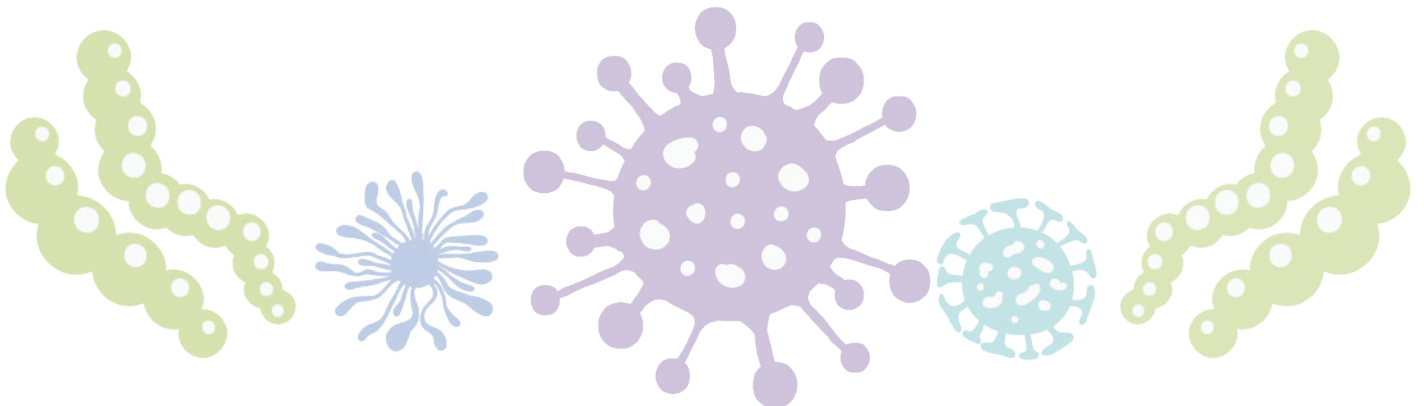
*You might think worms are disgusting, but some of them (believe it or not) are quite beautiful and colorful creatures, and all of them have an important place in God's creation. There are tens of thousands of different kinds of worms in the world.*

### Recommended Reading

 *Wiggling Worms at Work*, by Wendy Pfeffer

 *The Lifecycle of an Earthworm*, by Bobbie Kalman

 *Yucky Worms*, by Vivian French







# ACTIVITY

## Earthworm Observation and Behavior

We use our eyes, ears, nose, and tastebuds to learn all about the world around us and respond to it. While earthworms don't have complex nervous systems like you and I do, that doesn't mean they're senseless creatures. Earthworms have special cells in their bodies that can detect change in their environment. In this investigation you'll have an opportunity to observe an earthworm's behavior and see how it responds to different types of changes in their environment.

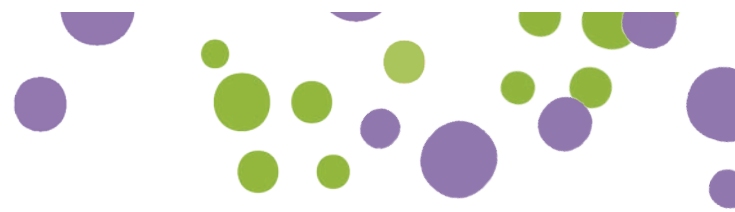
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### SUPPLY LIST

- Earthworm (purchase at a bait shop or find by digging one up in your backyard)
- Pan with sides (9x13 in. baking pan would work well)
- Ruler
- Foil
- Flashlight
- Paper towels
- Sandpaper
- Paper

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place your earthworm in a pan with sides and sketch your earthworm on your Observation Journal page.
  2. Label the head and tail end along with the clitellum. The clitellum is the smooth, barrel-shaped swelling. The clitellum is closest to the head end of the earthworm.
  3. Measure your earthworm with a ruler and record its length.
  4. Watch the earthworm for a minute or two without touching or interacting with it. Describe the earthworm's behavior in your Observation Journal.
  5. Cover half of the pan with foil and shine a flashlight on the other half. Place the earthworm in the middle of the pan—half of it on the dark side covered with foil and half on the other side with the bright light. Describe how your earthworm responds to the light and dark in your Observation Journal.
  6. Uncover the pan and remove the flashlight. Next, place a moist paper towel on half of the pan bottom and a dry paper towel on the other half of the pan bottom. Be sure the two paper towels meet up in the middle. Place your worm in the middle—half on the moist paper towel and half on the dry paper towel. Describe how your earthworm responds to the moist and dry paper towels in your Observation Journal.
  7. Remove the paper towels from your pan and be sure your pan is dry. Next, you'll dip one paper towel in cold water and another in hot water. Place the cold paper towel on half of the pan bottom and the hot paper towel on the other half of the pan bottom. Be sure the two paper towels meet up in the middle. Place your worm in the middle—half on the hot paper towel and half on the cold paper towel. Describe how your earthworm responds to the different temperatures in your Observation Journal.
  8. Remove the paper towels from your pan and be sure your pan is dry. Cover half of your pan with sandpaper and the other half with regular smooth paper. Be sure the sandpaper and regular paper meet up in the middle. Place your worm in the middle—half on the sandpaper and half on the smooth paper. Describe how your earthworm responds to the different textures of paper in your Observation Journal.
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# Earthworm Observation & Behavior Journal

Sketch Your Worm

Length \_\_\_\_\_

## Describe the Earthworm's Behavior

On the lines below, describe how your earthworm behaves in reaction to the changes in its environment.

Left Alone	
Light	
Moisture	
Temperature	
Texture	

# Animal Fact File

Phylum Annelida

*Choose an animal in this phylum to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!*

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate  
 Invertebrate

Herbivore  
 Carnivore  
 Omnivore

Fun Facts

Picture



# Animal Fact File

## Phylum Nematoda

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Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate  
 Invertebrate

Herbivore  
 Carnivore  
 Omnivore

Fun Facts

Picture



# Animal Fact File

Phylum

Platyhelminthes

*Choose an animal in this phylum to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!*

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate  
 Invertebrate

Herbivore  
 Carnivore  
 Omnivore

Fun Facts

Picture





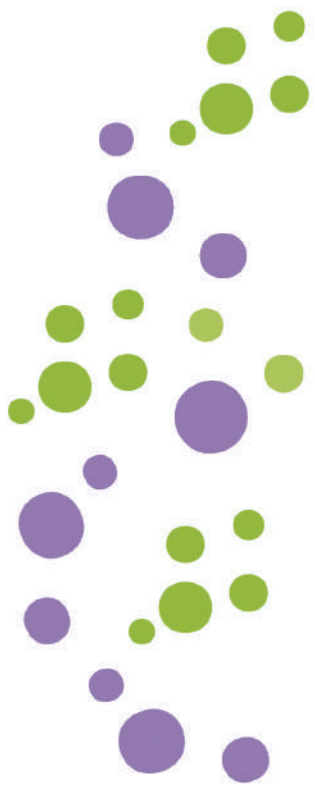
## LESSON 18: WILL CUPPY

“The Earthworm plows the  
whole world with his tunnels,  
drains and aerates the earth,  
fixes the topsoil, and I don’t  
know what all, and he never  
asks a cent for it.”



## LESSON 18: WILL CUPPY

Handwriting practice lines consisting of ten sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).



## LESSON 18: WILL CUPPY

The Earthworm plows the whole world with his  
tunnels, drains, and aerates the earth, fixes the  
topsoil, and seldom it knows what ails, and he  
never asks a cent for it.

Three sets of blank handwriting lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.





## LESSON 18: WILL CUPPY

Handwriting practice lines consisting of six rows. Each row is defined by two solid horizontal lines, with a dashed horizontal line centered between them. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page.

**QUESTION:**

What is Phylum Annelida?

**ANSWER:**

The segmented worms



LESSON 18

**QUESTION:**

What is Phylum Nematoda?

**ANSWER:**

The roundworms



LESSON 18

**QUESTION:**

What is Phylum Platyhelminthes?

**ANSWER:**

The flatworms



LESSON 18

**QUESTION:**

What is a parasite?

**ANSWER:**

An organism that lives on or inside of another organism, taking nutrients from and hurting its host.



LESSON 18



# Wiggly Worms



## Lesson 18 Quiz

1. Which of the following is not true about all worms?

- A) They have a head end and tail end.
- B) They are asymmetrical.
- C) They have no legs.
- D) They are invertebrates.

2. There are three different phyla of worms.

- True
- False

3. Animals with an incomplete digestive system:

- A) have just one opening for both eating and waste
- B) have two openings: a mouth for eating and an anus for expelling waste
- C) are not able to eat, but absorb nutrients through their skin

4. Animals with a complete digestive system:

- A) have just one opening for both eating and waste
- B) have 2 openings: a mouth for eating and an anus for expelling waste
- C) are not able to eat, but absorb nutrients through their skin

5. Worms in the Phylum Platyhelminthes, also known as the flatworms:

- A) have a complete digestive system
- B) have an incomplete digestive system
- C) have rings around their bodies with repeating segments

6. Worms in Phylum Nematoda, also known as the roundworms:

- A) have rings around their bodies with repeating segments
- B) have an incomplete digestive system
- C) have a complete digestive system

7. Annelida, or segmented worms:

- A) have rings around their bodies with repeating segments
- B) have an incomplete digestive system
- C) are all parasitic

8. What is a parasite?

- A) An organism that lives on or inside of another organism, taking nutrients from and hurting its host
- B) An organism that lives by itself and hunts for its own food
- C) An organism that lives in a close relationship with a group of other organisms that work together to find food

9. Some worms are free-living and some are parasites.

- True
- False






## Majestic Medusas and Patient Polyps


*From coral reefs to glowing jellyfish, cnidarians are some of the most beautiful forms of life in the ocean. They may look tranquil, but don't be fooled—they are vicious predators, ready to kill.*

### Recommended Reading

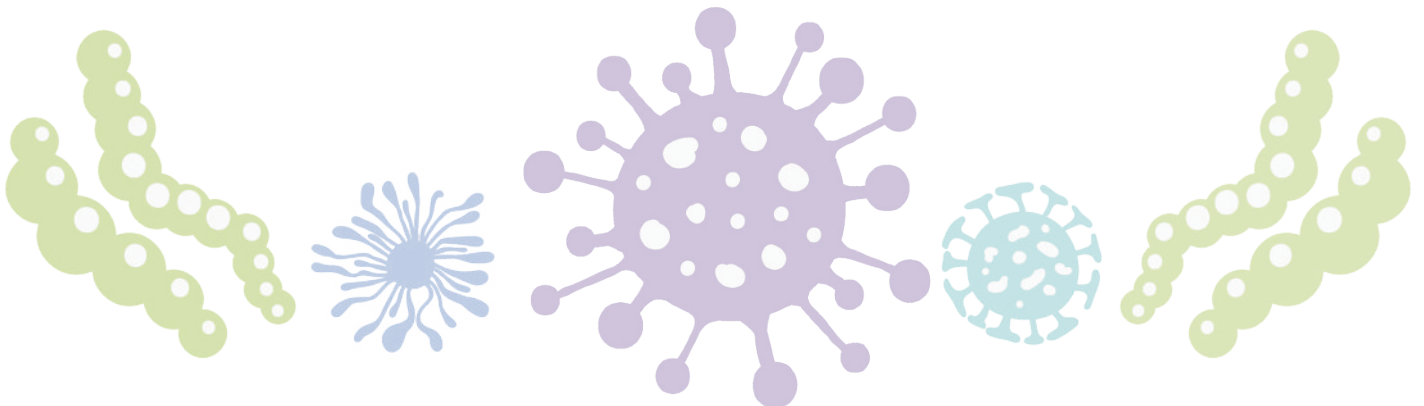
 *Jellyfish (A Day in the Life: Sea Animals)*, by Louise Spilsbury

 *Life in a Coral Reef*, by Wendy Pfeffer

 *Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau*, by Jennifer Berne

 *Seashells, Crabs, and Sea Stars*, by Christine Kump Tibbitts, p. 38

 *Marvels of Creation: Sensational Sea Creatures*, by Buddy and Kay Davis, p.32





# ACTIVITY Exploring Jellyfish Through Art

Jellyfish, with their vibrantly colored sac-like bodies and long stinging tentacles, are the cnidarians that people are most familiar with. In this activity you'll have a chance to get creative and make some jellyfish and bring some underwater beauty to your room!

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## SUPPLY LIST

- Coffee filters
- Washable markers
- Spray bottle with water
- Paper streamers or ribbon
- Glue
- Stapler
- Toilet paper

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover your work surface with newspaper or something that will protect it from getting stained. Color several coffee filters with markers and then place a blank coffee filter underneath each of the colored ones. The coffee filters will serve as the sac-like bodies of your jellyfish.
  2. Spritz the coffee filters with water. Leave them laying flat until they're dry.
  3. While the coffee filters are drying, cut some streamers and ribbons to serve as the long tentacles of your jellyfish.
  4. Once the coffee filters are dry, glue the streamers and ribbon to the center of one pair of the coffee filters.
  5. Wad up a few pieces of toilet paper to put between the two coffee filters, then glue or staple the two coffee filters together.
  6. Hang your jellyfish from the ceiling, but be sure to watch for the stinging tentacles!
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# Animal Fact File

## Phylum Cnidaria

Choose an animal in this phylum to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate  
 Invertebrate

Herbivore  
 Carnivore  
 Omnivore

Fun Facts

Picture





## LESSON 19: GENESIS 1:20

Then God said, "Let the  
waters teem with swarms of  
living creatures, and let birds  
fly above the earth in the  
open expanse of the heavens."





## LESSON 19: GENESIS 1:20

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## LESSON 19: GENESIS 1:20

Handwriting practice lines consisting of six rows. Each row is defined by two solid horizontal lines with a dashed horizontal line centered between them, providing a guide for letter height and placement.

**QUESTION:**

What do cnidarians get their name from?



**ANSWER:**

The stinging cells on their tentacles

LESSON 19

**QUESTION:**

What is the cup-shaped form of cnidarians called?

**ANSWER:**

Polyp



LESSON 19

**QUESTION:**

What is the umbrella-shaped form of cnidarians called?

**ANSWER:**

Medusa



LESSON 19

**QUESTION:**

What is an incomplete digestive system?

**ANSWER:**

Only one opening to eat and expel waste



LESSON 19



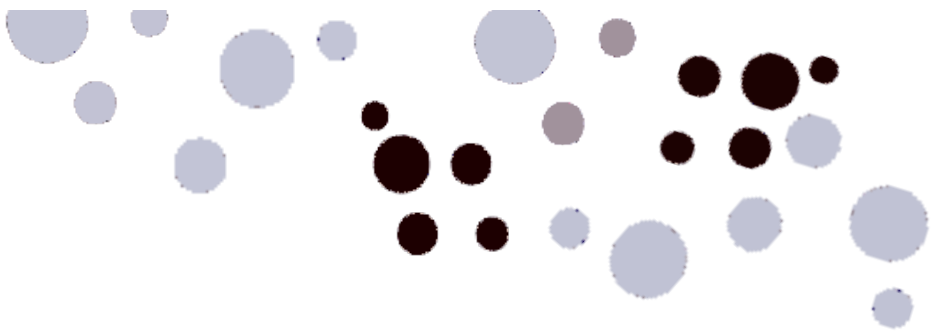
# Majestic Medusas and Patient Polyps



## Lesson 19 Quiz

- 1. Which of the following is NOT true of animals in Phylum Cnidaria?**
  - A) They exhibit radial symmetry.
  - B) They are invertebrates.
  - C) They have tentacles extending from their sac-like body.
  - D) They ALL live part of their life as a polyp and part of their life as a medusa.
- 2. Cnidarians use their tentacles to capture prey and have:**
  - A) special cells that launch at their prey
  - B) cells with toxins that are released into the water
  - C) stinging cells called cnidocytes that contain toxins
- 3. Cnidarians have an incomplete digestive system, meaning:**
  - A) they have two openings, one for waste and the other for eating.
  - B) they have just one opening for both waste and eating.
  - C) they do not eat their food, but absorb nutrients through their bodies.
- 4. Cnidarians in polyp form:**
  - A) tend to stay in one place and not move around
  - B) only swim with the current of other animals
  - C) are free-swimming
- 5. Cnidarians in medusa form:**
  - A) tend to stay in one place and not move around
  - B) only swim with the current of other animals
  - C) are free-swimming
- 6. What do cnidarians in the polyp form look like?**
  - A) They have an umbrella-shaped body with the mouth facing downward and tentacles all around the mouth.
  - B) They are cup-shaped and look like a tube with a mouth and tentacles at one end and a base that attaches to a hard surface on the other end.
  - C) They are asymmetrical; they do not have a standard body form.
- 7. What do cnidarians in the medusa form look like?**
  - A) They have an umbrella-shaped body with the mouth facing downward and tentacles all around the mouth.
  - B) They are cup-shaped and look like a tube with a mouth and tentacles at one end and a base that attaches to a hard surface on the other end.
  - C) They are asymmetrical; they do not have a standard body form.





## Spiny-Skinned Savages

*How would you like to have five arms instead of two? How about 200 arms? How about spikes all over your body? Welcome to the life of an echinoderm.*

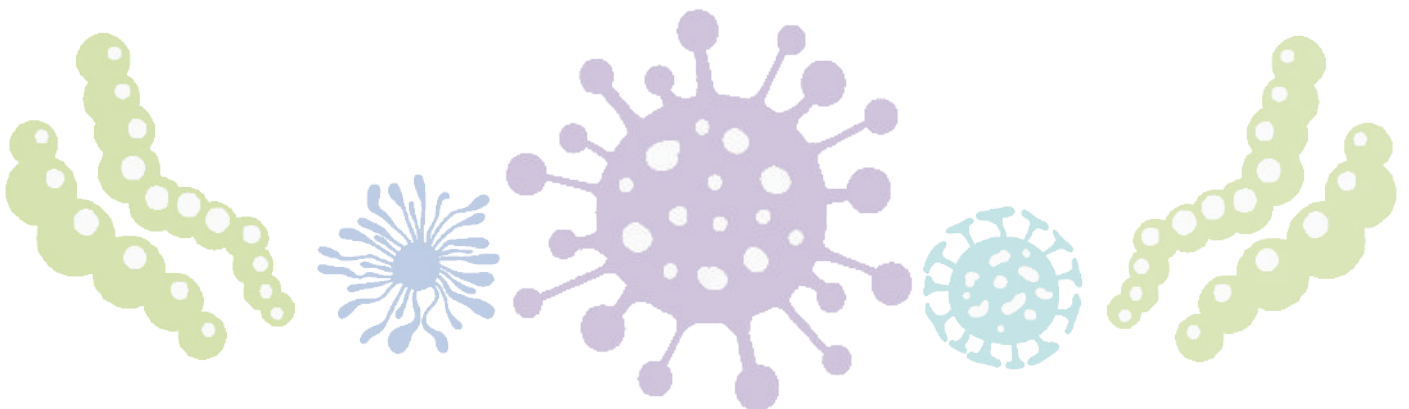
### Recommended Reading

 *Starfish*, by Edith Thacher Hurd

 *Star of the Sea: A Day in the Life of a Starfish*, by Janet Halfmann

 *Seashells, Crabs, and Sea Stars*, by Christine Kump Tibbitts, p.32-37

 *Marvels of Creation: Sensational Sea Creatures*, by Buddy and Kay Davis, p.61



# ACTIVITY Echinoderm Sorting

Echinoderms, or the spiny-skinned animals, are fascinating creatures that all exhibit radial symmetry. We studied five different classes of these animals in our lesson, and today you'll have a chance to check them out a little more closely!

## SUPPLY LIST

- Image cards
- Scissors
- Paper

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Take five pieces of blank paper and label each one of them at the top with the following:
  - Class Asteroidea
  - Class Echinoidea
  - Class Ophiuroidea
  - Class Crinoidea
  - Class Holothuroidea
2. Cut out the image cards found on the following pages.
3. Think about what you learned in class about each of the classes of echinoderms. Spend time organizing the images into the correct groups on your labeled pieces of paper.
4. After you've had a chance to organize your echinoderms, check out the key. How did you do? Were you able to organize the echinoderms correctly based on their external appearance?

*Note: Consider looking ahead to the lesson 23 activity and ordering your butterfly habitat now.*



# Echinoderm Sorting



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# Echinoderm Sorting



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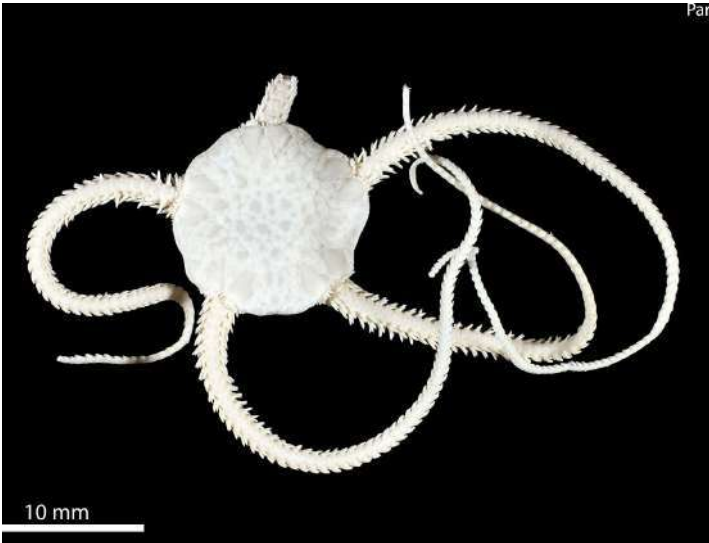
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# Echinoderm Sorting



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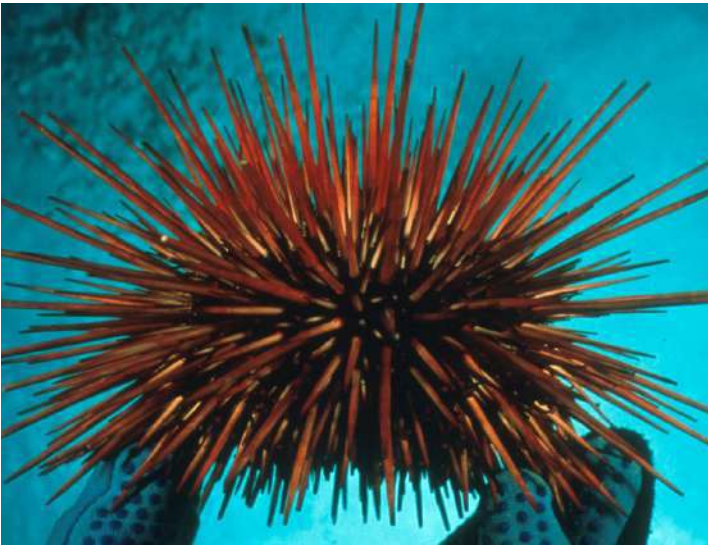
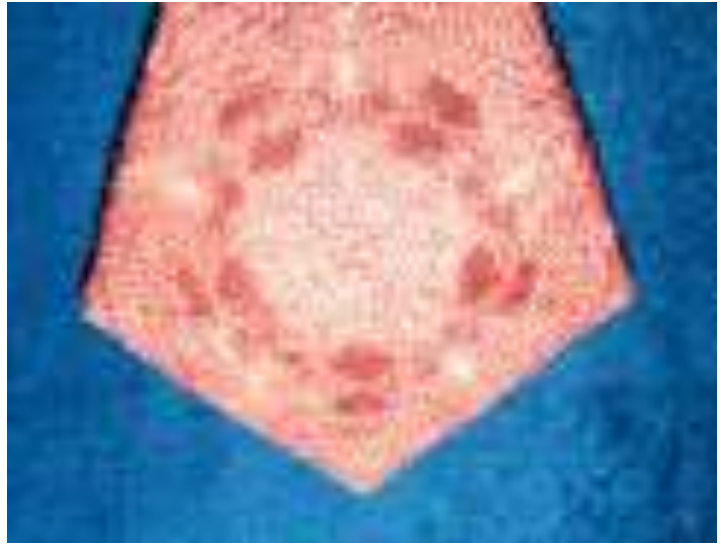
# Echinoderm Sorting



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# Echinoderm Sorting



# Echinoderm Sorting Answer Key

## Class Asterozoidea



## Class Echinozoidea



## Class Crinozoidea



## Class Holothurozoidea



## Class Ophiurozoidea



# Animal Fact File

Phylum

Echinodermata

Choose an animal in this phylum to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate

Invertebrate

Herbivore

Carnivore

Omnivore

Picture

Fun Facts

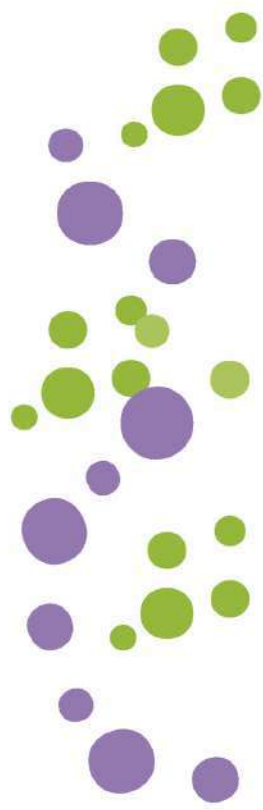




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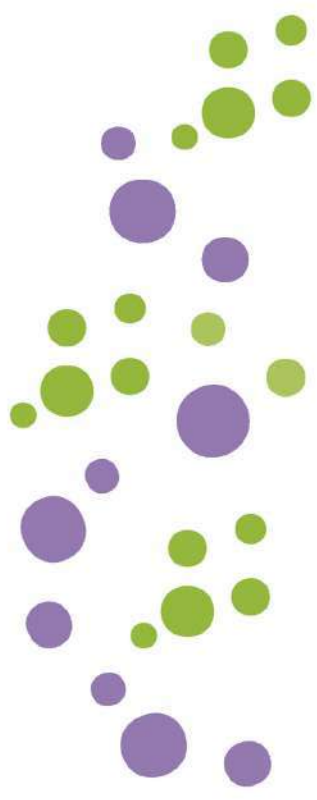
Praise the Lord from the  
earth, you great sea creatures  
and all deeps, fire and hail,  
snow and mist, stormy wind  
fulfilling his word.





## LESSON 20: PSALM 148:7-8

Handwriting practice lines consisting of ten sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).



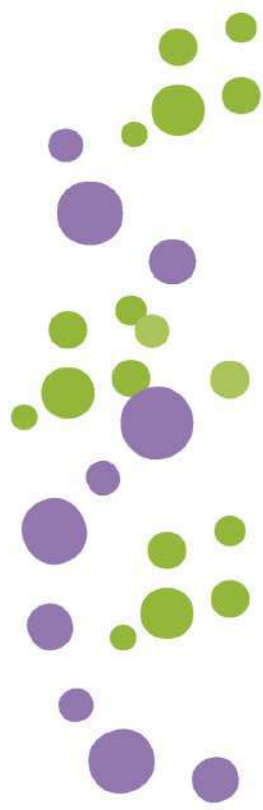
## LESSON 20: PSALM 148:7-8

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea

creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and

mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Four sets of handwriting practice lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



## LESSON 20: PSALM 148:7-8

Handwriting practice lines consisting of ten sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).

**QUESTION:**

What do echinoderms get their name from?



**ANSWER:**

Echinoderm means spiny-skinned.

**QUESTION:**

What kind of symmetry do echinoderms have?



**ANSWER:**

Radial symmetry

**QUESTION:**

What is the umbrella-shaped form of cnidarians called?



**ANSWER:**

Medusa

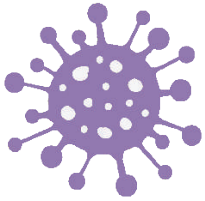
**QUESTION:**

What is an open circulatory system?

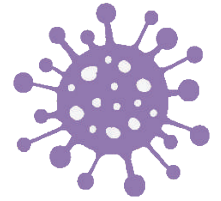


**ANSWER:**

Blood is pumped into the body cavity of the organism, not in blood vessels.



# Spiny-Skinned Savages



## Lesson 20 Quiz

1. Which of the following is NOT true of animals in the Phylum Echinodermata?

- A) They have spiny skin.
- B) They are vertebrates.
- C) They have a complete digestive system.
- D) They have a water vascular system.

2. A water vascular system is:

- A) a system that uses water to pump blood throughout the body
- B) a system of tubes filled with water that extend throughout the animal's entire body
- C) a system of small tubes used to push air out of the animal into the water

3. An open circulatory system means:

- A) an animal has a heart that pumps blood through blood vessels.
- B) blood is pumped into the body cavity of the organism.
- C) the circulatory system is open to the outside environment.

4. Class asteroidea, or sea stars:

- A) are very hard and rigid, and have long sharp spines
- B) have long thin arms that extend from a central disk
- C) have thick arms that extend from a central disk

5. Class ophiuroidea, or brittle stars:

- A) have many arms, and may look like a plant
- B) have long thin arms that extend from a central disk
- C) have thick arms that extend from a central disk

6. Class echinoidea, or sea urchins:

- A) are very hard and rigid, and have long sharp spines
- B) have long thin arms that extend from a central disk
- C) look like a long tube when seen on the ocean floor

7. Class crinoidea, or sea lilies and feather stars:

- A) have many arms, and may look like a plant
- B) are very hard and rigid, and have long sharp spines
- C) have thick arms that extend from a central disk

8. Class holothuroidea, or sea cucumbers:

- A) have many arms, and may look like a plant
- B) have long thin arms that extend from a central disk
- C) look like a long tube when seen on the ocean floor






## Meddlesome Mollusks

*From the tiny Borneo snail to the enormous Colossal Squid, mollusks come in all shapes and sizes, but with their powerful muscular feet and beautiful shells, they are the largest group of aquatic animals on earth!*


### Recommended Reading

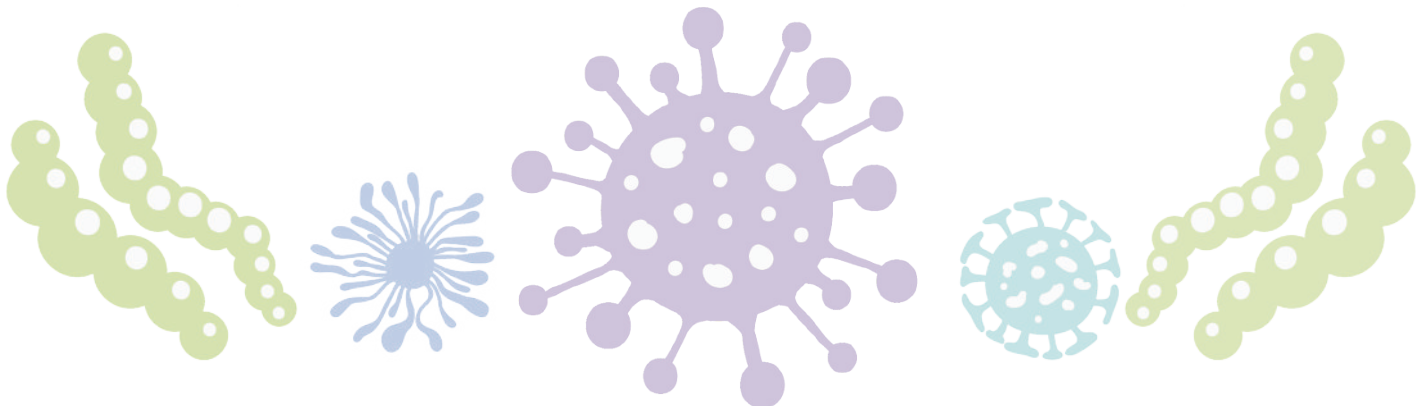
 *Next Time You See a Seashell*, by Emily Morgan

 *Giant Squid: Mystery of the Deep*, by Jennifer Dussling

 *Gentle Giant Octopus*, by Karen Wallace

 *Seashells, Crabs, and Sea Stars*, by Christine Kump Tibbitts, p.6-21

 *Marvels of Creation: Sensational Sea Creatures*, by Buddy and Kay Davis, p.41, 43, 59



# ACTIVITY Garden Snail Observation

Snails are a mollusk in the class gastropoda. They're relatively easy to find mollusks that live on land, so we have a chance to observe and learn more about this magnificent class of animals!

## SUPPLY LIST

- Garden snail\*
- Large jar or aquarium with lid
- Ruler
- Small kitchen scale (optional)
- Magnifying glass
- Various types of food

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. After you've found your snail, create a home for it. This can be a large jar or a small aquarium. Snails are able to climb well, so be sure whatever you use has a lid you can attach securely with plenty of holes to allow air in so your snail can breathe.
2. Collect some soil and leaves from where you found your snail to place on the bottom of your snail's home. Snails like plenty of moisture, so be sure to keep the soil moist each day by spraying it or adding a bit of water.
3. On your Snail Observation Journal page, draw a picture of your snail and be sure to label the parts listed below that you're able to find. Use a magnifying glass to look more closely at different parts of your snail.
  - 🌿 **Shell:** The shell is used to protect the soft body of the snail.
  - 🌿 **Mouth:** Snails have a special type of tongue in their mouth called a radula that has a sandpaper-like texture they use to grind up the food they eat.
  - 🌿 **Foot:** The large soft foot on the bottom of the snail is used for movement.
  - 🌿 **Top tentacles:** The top tentacles have eyespots, allowing snails to see light and dark shapes.
  - 🌿 **Bottom tentacles:** The bottom tentacles are used by the snail for feeling around its environment and smelling for food.
4. Use a ruler to measure different parts of your snail and a small kitchen scale to weigh your snail. Add the measurements to your Observation Journal page.

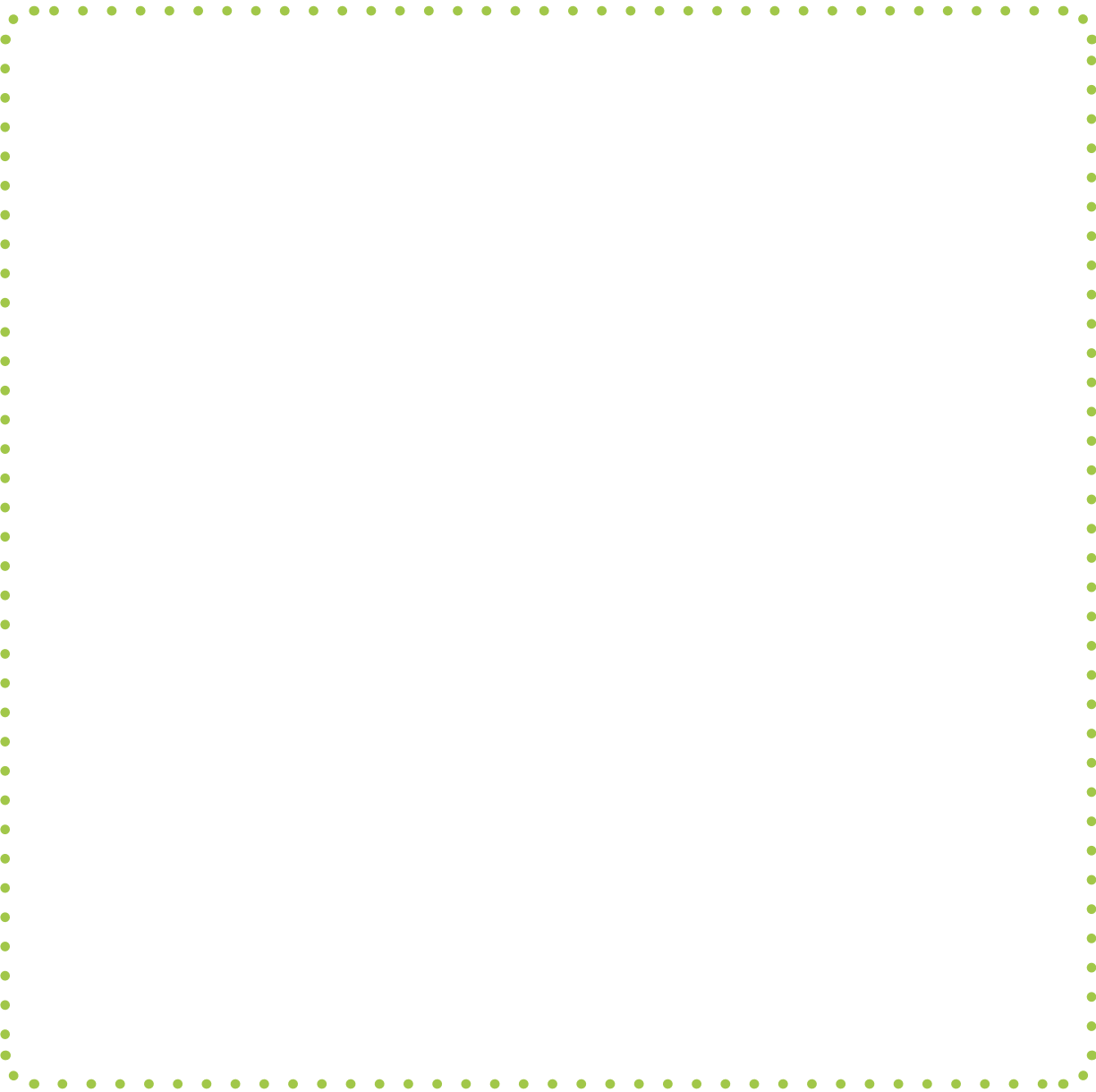
**\*Note:** You can often find snails in gardens or wooded areas after it's rained. They often come out at night. If you can't find any in your own yard, see if you can visit a local nursery where they might be able to help you find one!





# GARDEN SNAIL OBSERVATION JOURNAL

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## **Measurements**

Shell length (front to back) \_\_\_\_\_

Body length (front to back) \_\_\_\_\_

Top tentacles length (top to bottom) \_\_\_\_\_

Bottom tentacles length (top to bottom) \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_

# Animal Fact File

## Phylum Mollusca

Choose an animal in this phylum to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Picture

Vertebrate

Invertebrate

Herbivore

Carnivore

Omnivore

Fun Facts

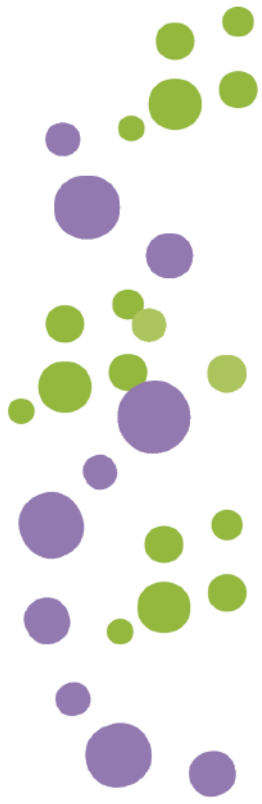




## LESSON 21: CHARLES SPURGEON

By perseverance the snail  
reached the ark. A mouse  
may find a hole, be the room  
ever so full of cats.

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## LESSON 21: CHARLES SPURGEON

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline. There are ten sets of these lines, providing space for writing practice.



## LESSON 21: CHARLES SPURGEON

*By perseverance the snail reached the ark. A*

*mouse may find a hole, be the room ever so full*

*of cats."*



## LESSON 21: CHARLES SPURGEON

Handwriting practice lines consisting of six sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).

**QUESTION:**

What does the word “bivalve” mean?



**ANSWER:**

“Two doors”: bivalves are animals with two shells.

LESSON 21

**QUESTION:**

What does the word “gastropod” mean?



**ANSWER:**

“Stomach foot”: gastropods are animals that move using a muscular foot on their bellies.

LESSON 21



**QUESTION:**

What does the word “cephalopod” mean?

**ANSWER:**

“Head foot”: cephalopods are animals with many muscular arms attached to their heads.

LESSON 21





# Meddlesome Mollusks



## Lesson 21 Quiz

- All mollusks have bilateral symmetry, are invertebrates, have a muscular foot, and have a soft body with a visceral mass.**
  - True
  - False
- A visceral mass:**
  - contains many vital organs
  - helps the animal move and anchors it in one place
  - is how much the entire body of the animal weighs
- Most mollusks have:**
  - a backbone
  - a shell
  - tentacles
- Class Bivalvia, which includes clams, oysters, mussels, scallops, and geoducks, are animals with:**
  - two shells
  - coiled shells
  - multiple muscular feet
- Class Gastropoda, which includes snails, slugs, conchs, abalones, nudibranchs, whelks, dowries, and murexes, have a foot located:**
  - on the shell
  - on the visceral mass
  - on the underside or belly of the animal
- Gastropods usually have:**
  - two shells
  - coiled shells
  - multiple muscular feet
- Class Cephalopoda, which includes squid, octopus, nautilus, and cuttlefish, are animals with:**
  - two shells
  - coiled shells
  - multiple muscular feet
- A mollusk's muscular foot:**
  - contains many vital organs
  - helps the animal move and anchors it in one place
  - are always found in pairs





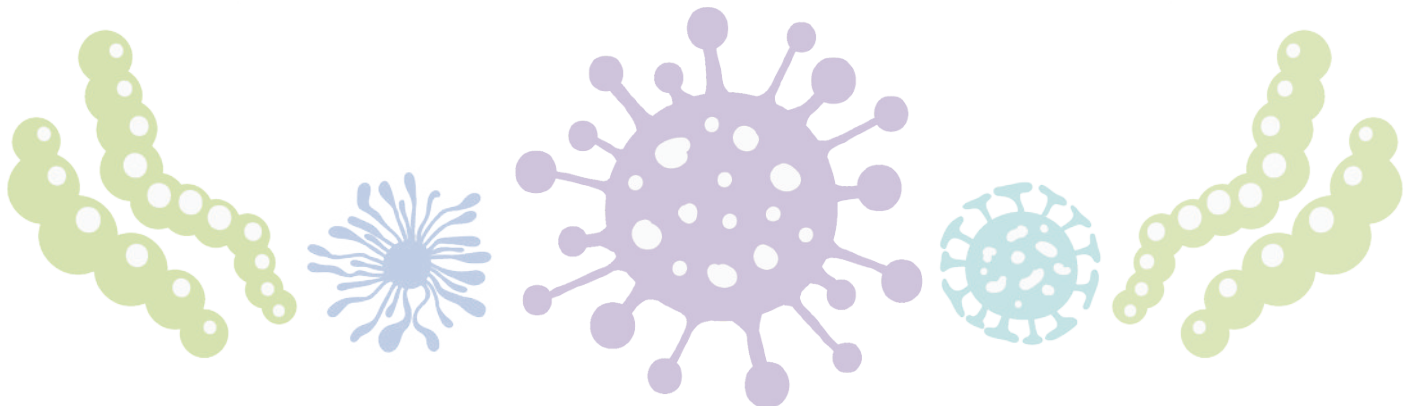
## Armored Arthropods and the Crabby Crustaceans

*Wouldn't it be cool to have your own built-in armor? That's what arthropods have —hard skeletons outside their bodies to keep them safe and give them structure. These creatures are some of the most plentiful animals on the earth.*

### Recommended Reading

 *High Tides for Horseshoe Crabs*, by Lisa Kahn Schnell

 *Seashells, Crabs, and Sea Stars*, by Christine Kump Tibbitts, p.24-29





# ACTIVITY

## Backyard Bugs Observation

Arthropods are all of those jointed leg creatures that have an exoskeleton to protect them. This week, take time to explore the arthropods in your own backyard!

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### SUPPLY LIST

- Pen or pencil
- 2-liter bottle (optional)

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make several copies of your Backyard Bugs Observation Journal page.
  2. Go on a nature walk outside in your own backyard, or spend some time at a park looking for arthropods. Look under rocks, in flower beds, or anywhere else you think bugs might be hiding.
  3. Draw the creatures you find and fill out the journal page for each one.
  4. After you've had a chance to watch lessons 22 and 23, see if you can identify the different bugs you find. Are they crustaceans, insects, or arachnids?
  5. If you'd like to try to find some different types of arthropods, consider making a pitfall trap using a 2-liter bottle. Check out the short video in the online classroom for instructions!
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# Backyard Bug Observations

TYPE OF INSECT



DATE:

TIME:

LOCATION:

GROUND

PLANT

OTHER

TYPE OF ARTHROPOD:

CRUSTACEAN

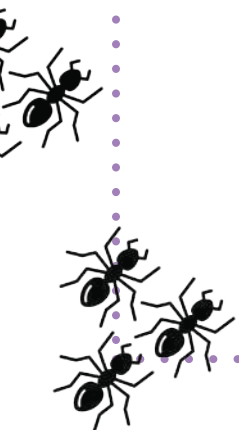
INSECT

ARACHNID

UNKNOWN

NOTES:

SKETCH:



# Animal Fact File

Phylum Arthropoda:  
Class Crustacea

Choose an animal in this class to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate  
 Invertebrate

Herbivore  
 Carnivore  
 Omnivore

Fun Facts

Picture





## LESSON 22: JOB 8:13-15

The hope of the godless shall  
perish. His confidence is  
severed, and his trust is a  
spider's web. He leans against  
his house, but it does not  
stand.



## LESSON 22: JOB 8:13-15

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## LESSON 22: JOB 8:13-15

The hope of the godless shall perish. His confidence is severed, and his trust in a spider's web. He leans against his house, but it does not stand.





## LESSON 22: JOB 8:13-15

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**QUESTION:**

What does the word arthropod mean?

**ANSWER:**

Jointed leg



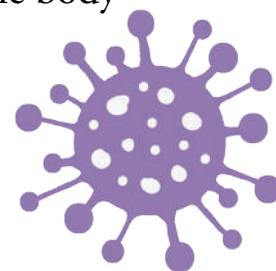
LESSON 22

**QUESTION:**

What kind of skeleton does an arthropod have?

**ANSWER:**

Exoskeleton, a skeleton on the outside of the body



LESSON 22

**QUESTION:**

What are the three segments of many arthropods?

**ANSWER:**

1) Head 2) Thorax 3) Abdomen



LESSON 22



# Armored Arthropods and the Crabby Crustaceans



## Lesson 22 Quiz

1. Which of the following is not true of arthropods?

- A) They have endoskeletons.
- B) They have jointed legs.
- C) Their bodies are divided into segments.

2. An exoskeleton is a skeleton found:

- A) on the outside of an animal's body
- B) on the inside of an animal's body
- C) only in fish

3. Exoskeletons are not living and need:

- A) to be shed by molting
- B) to grow
- C) to be inside the body

4. Arthropods typically have 3 body segments: head, thorax, and abdomen.

- True
- False

5. A fused head and thorax body segment is called:

- A) a thorax
- B) a cephalothorax
- C) an exoskeleton

6. Crustaceans, including barnacles, crabs, lobsters, crayfish, shrimp, woodlice, and beach fleas, have jointed legs that divide into:

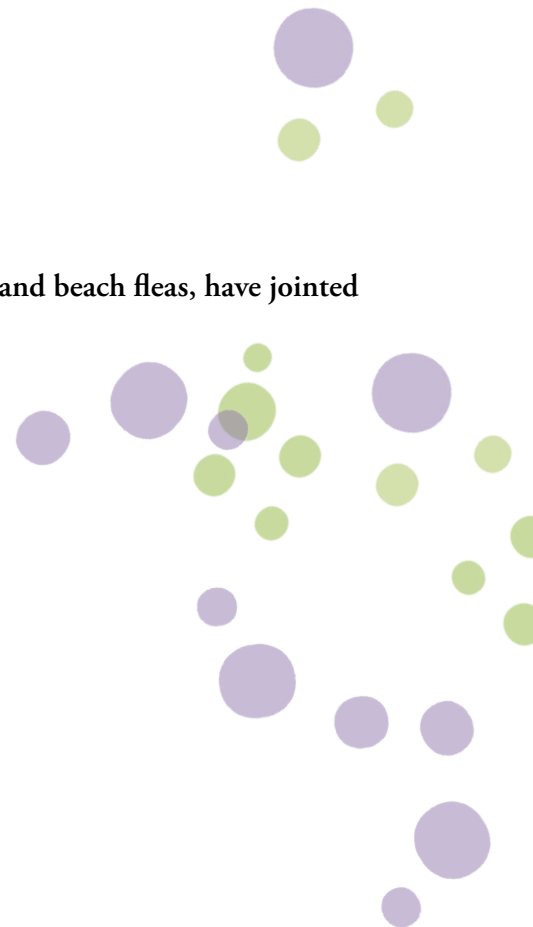
- A) segments
- B) pinchers
- C) branches

7. Crustaceans use appendages called pincers to:

- A) swim
- B) walk
- C) capture prey

8. Crustaceans use appendages called swimmerets in their telson to help them:

- A) swim
- B) walk
- C) capture prey







## Intrepid Insects & Spindly Spiders


*Insects and arachnids are some of the most abundant creatures on the planet, with millions of species just waiting to be discovered. These creatures can be found in every continent on Earth.*

### Recommended Reading

 *Animal Scavengers: Army Ants*, by Sandra Markle

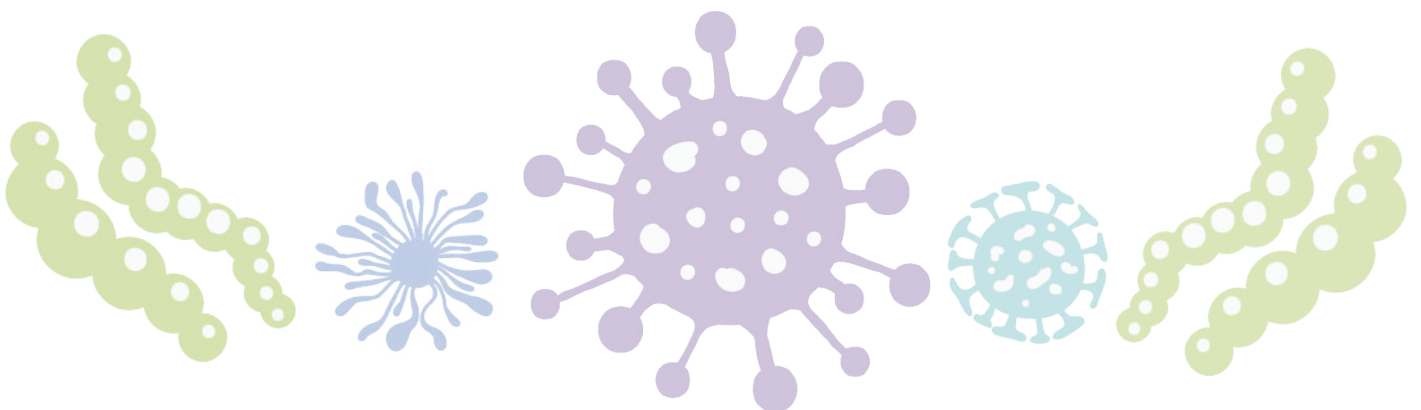
 *Chirping Crickets*, by Melvin Berger

 *Summer Birds*, by Margarita Engle

 *Small Wonders: Jean-Henri Fabre & His World of Insects*, by Matthew Clark Smith

 *Spiders: All About Their Web-Building Skills, Bodies, Diets, and More!* by Seymour Simo

 *Scorpion Man: Exploring the World of Scorpions*, by Laurence Pringle



# ACTIVITY

## Insect Life Cycle Investigation

Insects all go through one of two different types of metamorphosis during their lives: complete or incomplete. Complete metamorphosis shows the most dramatic changes. Insects who undergo complete metamorphosis have 4 distinct stages in their life cycle: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. In this investigation that will last at least two weeks, you'll have the opportunity to watch the life cycle of a butterfly, an insect that goes through complete metamorphosis.

### SUPPLY LIST

- Butterfly habitat with larvae (order ahead as you must order larvae separately)
- Ruler
- Magnifying glass

### INSTRUCTIONS

*NOTE: Days listed are approximate. Be sure to check on your insects each day so you can closely follow their life cycle.*

Day 1: When your larvae arrive, spend time observing the insect. Use a magnifying glass to help you get a better look at it. Be sure to keep track of how long your insect stays in the larva stage (add about 3 days to this number for the time it took to mail the larvae to you).

Day 5: When your larvae has increased enough in size to see him clearly, sketch and measure the larvae. Add this to your Life Cycle Investigation Journal page. Be sure to identify and label as many parts as you're able to on your sketch:

- Head: located at the front of the insect
- Thorax: insect's second segment where 6 true legs are located
- Abdomen: the back segment, where 10 false legs are located
- 2 antennae: found on the head
- 6 legs: found on the thorax
- 10 false legs: found on the abdomen
- Spiracles: tiny holes along their bodies used for breathing

Day 8: This is about when your larvae will become a pupa. When this occurs, be sure to begin tracking how long your insect stays in pupa stage. Sketch and measure the pupa and add to your Life Cycle Investigation Journal page. Be sure to keep track of how long your insect stays in the pupa stage.

Day 18: Around this time your butterfly will emerge from the pupa. On this day, be sure to sketch and measure your butterfly and add this information to your Life Cycle Investigation Journal page. Be sure to identify and label as many parts as you're able to on your sketch.

- 🌿 Head: located at the top of your butterfly
- 🌿 Thorax: the segment the legs and wings are attached to
- 🌿 Abdomen: the segment with spiracles
- 🌿 2 antennae: found on the head
- 🌿 6 legs: found on the thorax (the first 2 legs will be very small and folded up near the head)
- 🌿 4 wings: found on the thorax
- 🌿 Spiracles: tiny holes along their abdomen used for breathing

Be sure to keep track of how long your insect stays in the adult stage. Most butterflies will live for about two weeks after they've entered this last stage of their life.

Day 23: Continue to watch your butterflies. Often, five days after they've emerged from their cocoon, they'll lay eggs. However, sometimes they will not lay eggs. If they lay eggs, be sure to sketch the eggs and fill out the information on your Life Cycle Investigation Journal page.



# Life Cycle Investigation Journal

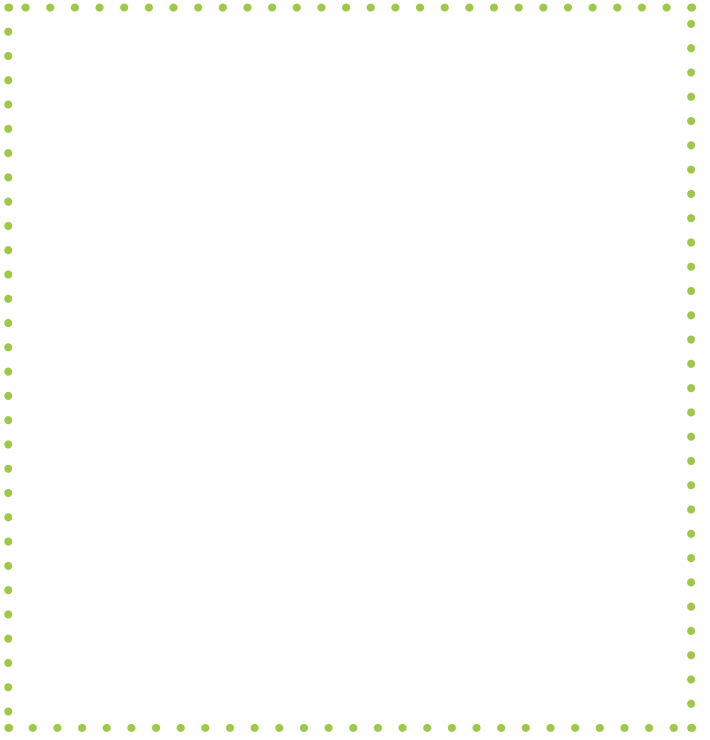
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## LARVAE

Width: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_

How many days did your insect stay in the larva stage? \_\_\_\_\_

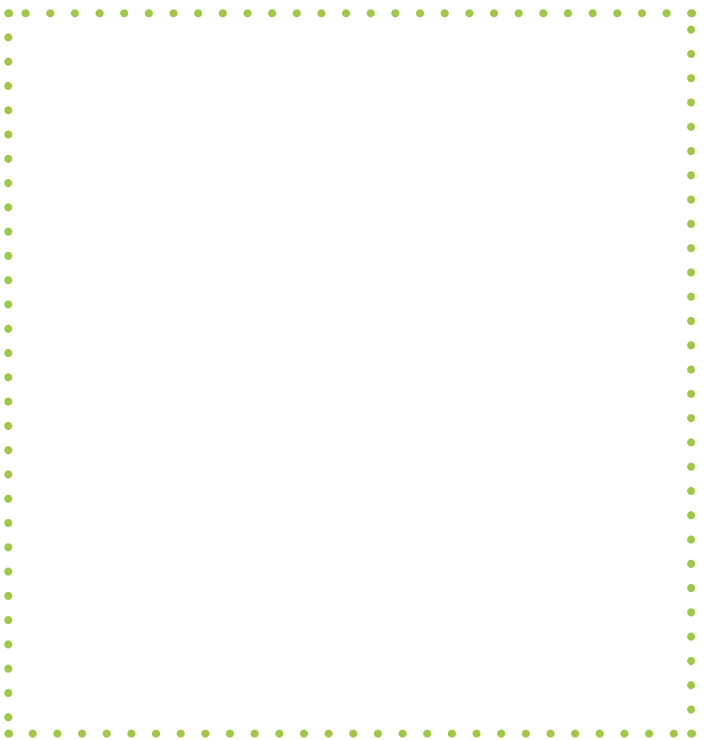


## PUPA

Width: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_

How many days did your insect stay in the pupa stage? \_\_\_\_\_







# Life Cycle Investigation Journal

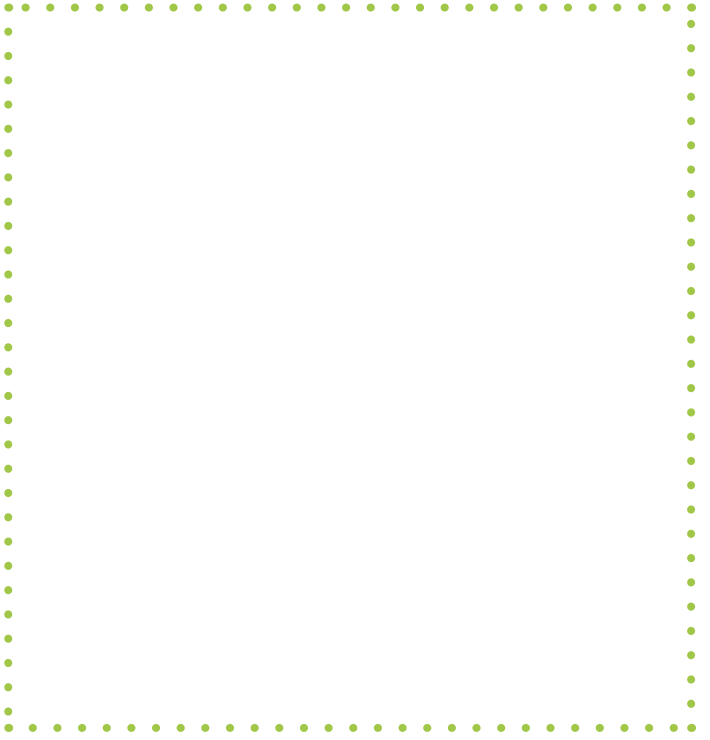
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## ADULT

Width: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_

How many days did your insect stay in the adult stage? \_\_\_\_\_

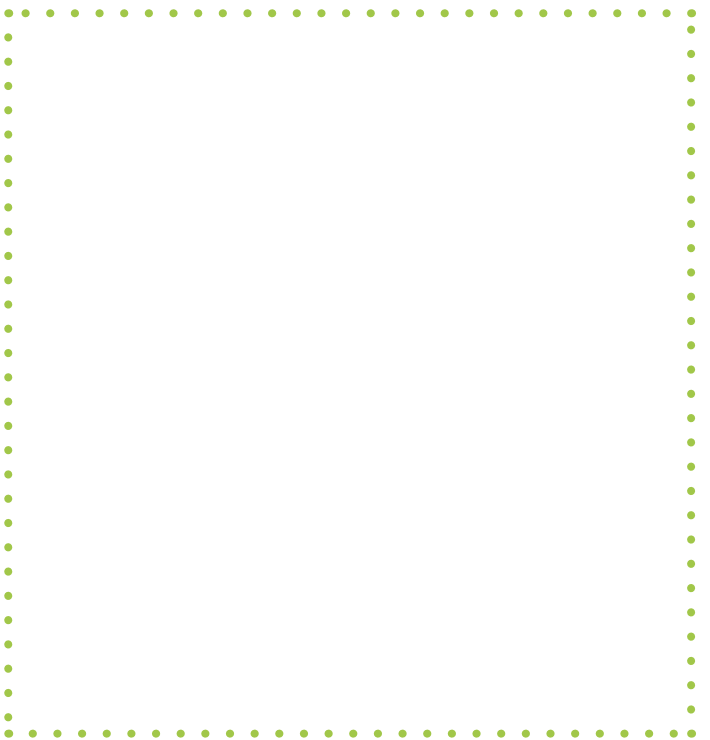


## EGG

Width: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_

How many days did your insect stay in the egg stage? \_\_\_\_\_



# Animal Fact File

Phylum Arthropoda:  
Class Insecta

Choose an animal in this class to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

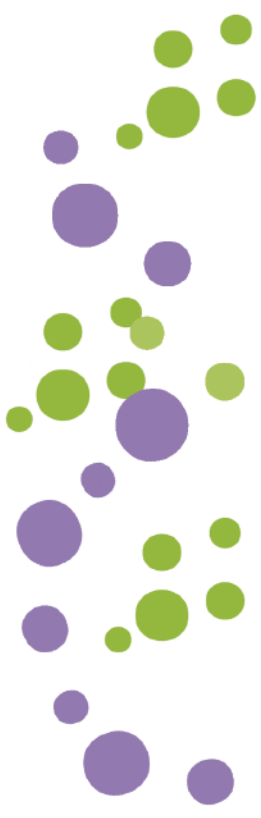
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Fun Facts

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## LESSON 23: PROVERBS 6:6-8

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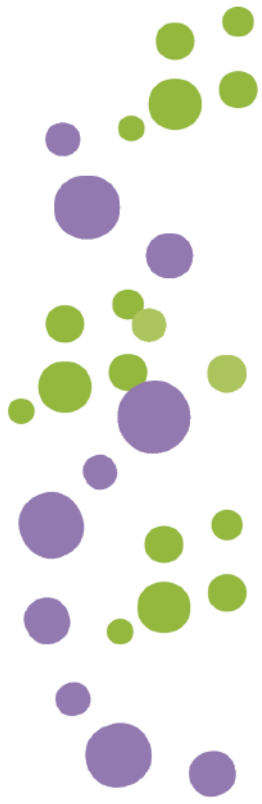
consider her ways, and be wise.

Without having any chief,

officer, or ruler, she prepares

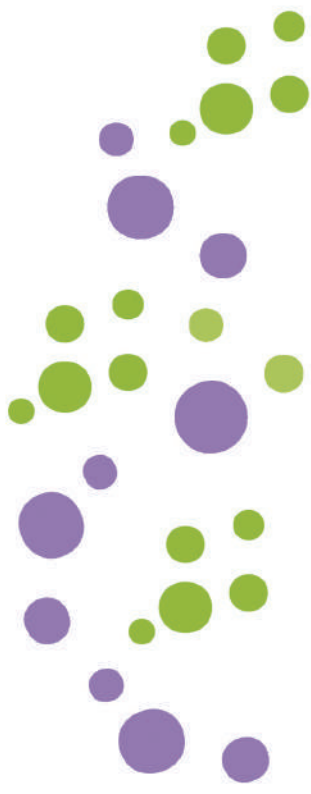
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gathers her food in harvest.



## LESSON 23: PROVERBS 6:6-8

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and be wise. Without having any chief officer,

or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and

gathers her food in harvest.

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## LESSON 23: PROVERBS 6:6-8

Handwriting practice lines for the lesson. Each line consists of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. There are eight such lines provided for writing practice.

**QUESTION:**

What are the 4 stages of complete metamorphosis an insect goes through?

**ANSWER:**

1) Egg 2) Larva 3) Pupa 4) Adult



LESSON 23

**QUESTION:**

What are the 3 stages of incomplete metamorphosis an insect goes through?

**ANSWER:**

1) Egg 2) Nymph 3) Adult



LESSON 23

**QUESTION:**

How many legs do crustaceans, insects, and arachnids have?

**ANSWER:**

Crustaceans have 10, insects have 6, and arachnids have 8.



LESSON 23





# Intrepid Insects & Spindly Spiders



## Lesson 23 Quiz

1. Which of the following is not true of insects?

- A) They have 2 body segments: a head and thorax.
- B) They have 6 legs.
- C) They have antennae, eyes, and mandibles on their head.

2. All insects go through a life cycle called metamorphosis and look completely different when they're young from their adult form.

- True
- False

3. Incomplete metamorphosis has:

- A) 3 stages: egg, nymph, and adult
- B) 3 stages: egg, pupa, adult
- C) 4 stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult

4. Complete metamorphosis has:

- A) 3 stages: egg, nymph, and adult
- B) 3 stages: egg, pupa, adult
- C) 4 stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult

5. A larvae looks:

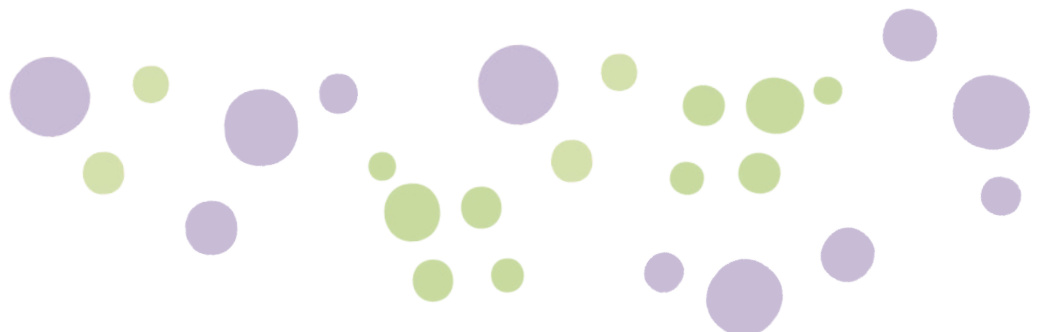
- A) similar to an egg
- B) like a smaller adult insect without wings
- C) completely different than the adult insect

6. A nymph looks:

- A) similar to an egg
- B) like a smaller adult insect without wings
- C) completely different than the adult insect

7. Arachnids, including spiders, mites, ticks, and scorpions have:

- A) 2 body segments: a head and thorax
- B) 2 body segments: a cephalothorax and an abdomen
- C) 3 body segments: a head, thorax, and abdomen





# Intrepid Insects & Spindly Spiders



## Lesson 23 Quiz

8. What do arachnids use chelicerae for?

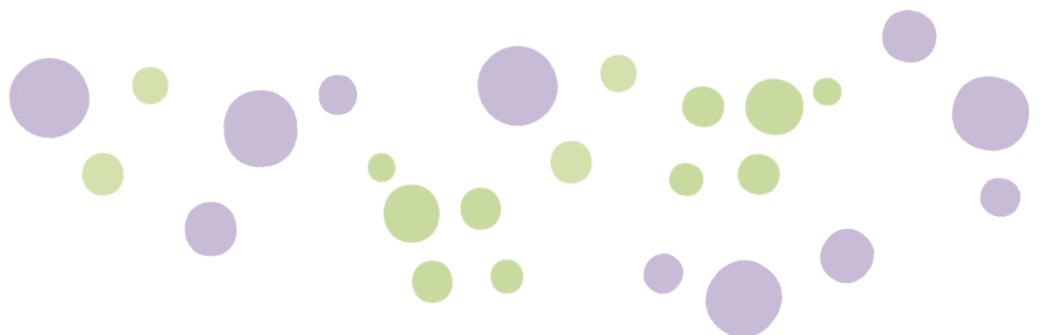
- A) Feeding and sensing their environment
- B) Capturing and crushing their prey
- C) Grooming themselves

9. What do arachnids use pedipalps for?

- A) Feeding and sensing their environment
- B) Capturing and crushing their prey
- C) Grooming themselves

10. Arachnids have:

- A) 4 pairs of jointed legs
- B) 2 pairs of jointed legs
- C) 3 pairs of jointed legs







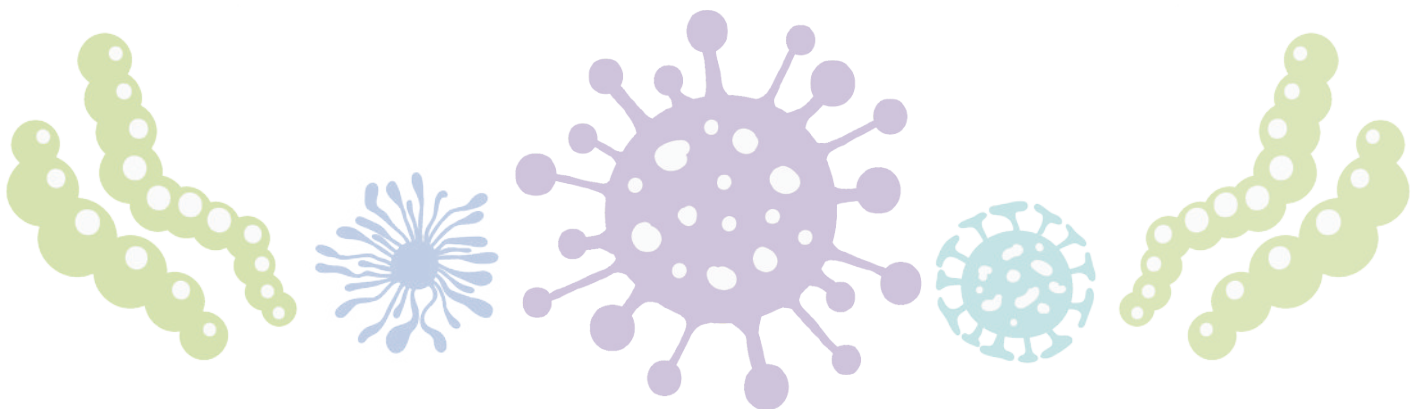
## The Vast World of Vertebrates

*Vertebrates are creatures with a backbone—and what an important trait it is. No matter what kind of vertebrate we're talking about, whether we're talking about birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, or mammals, that backbone gives the animal support and protects its powerful nervous system.*

### Recommended Reading

 *Bone by Bone: Comparing Animal Skeletons*, by Sara Levine

 *What is a Vertebrate?* By: Bobbie Kalman



# ACTIVITY Vertebrate Collage

The vertebrates are a large, diverse group of animals. In this activity, you'll have the opportunity to show off the defining features and diverse classes that make up the animals with vertebral columns.

## SUPPLY LIST

- Poster board
- Pens, markers, or other writing instruments
- Scissors
- Magazines or pictures from other sources

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Begin by making a list of the defining features all vertebrates share.
2. Find and cut out pictures of animals from each class of vertebrates:
  - Mammals
  - Reptiles
  - Amphibians
  - Birds
  - Bony Fish
  - Cartilaginous Fish
  - Hagfish
3. Determine how to decorate your poster board to display the characteristics vertebrates share along with each of the seven classes of animals.
4. Show off your poster and use it to teach someone else about this group of animals we call the vertebrates!

*Note: Consider looking ahead to the lesson 26 activity and ordering a Grow-a-Frog Kit.*



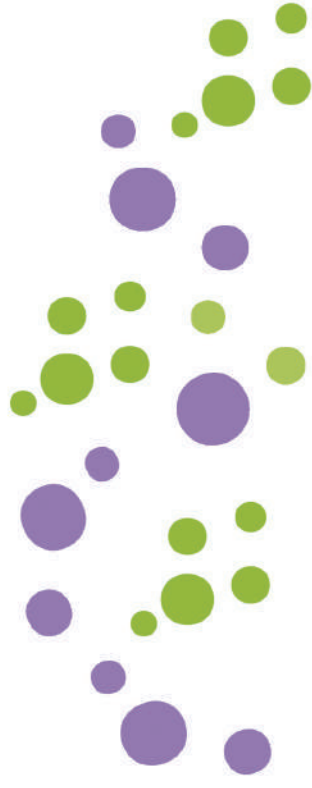
## LESSON 24: JAMES 3:7-8A

For every kind of beast and  
bird, of reptile and sea  
creature, can be tamed and  
has been tamed by mankind,  
but no human being can tame  
the tongue.



## LESSON 24: JAMES 3:7-8A

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## LESSON 24: JAMES 3:7-8A

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**QUESTION:**

What kind of skeleton does a chordate have?

**ANSWER:**

Endoskeleton made of bone or cartilage found inside the body



LESSON 24

**QUESTION:**

What is a nervous system?

**ANSWER:**

A network of nerves that sends messages throughout the body



LESSON 24



# The Vast World of Vertebrates



## Lesson 24 Quiz

- Nearly all animals in Phylum Chordata are vertebrates, animals that have:**
  - a backbone
  - an exoskeleton
  - legs
- The vertebrata of an animal:**
  - is made of soft cartilage
  - protects the spinal cord
  - is part of an exoskeleton
- An endoskeleton is found outside the body and gives the body structure, support, and shape, and helps with movement.**

True  
False
- The body plan of chordates includes a head end and a tail end.**

True  
False
- Chordates have a complete digestive system with a digestive tract that goes from the head to the tail.**

True  
False
- A complete digestive system has:**
  - 1 opening for food and waste
  - 2 openings for food and 1 opening for waste
  - 1 opening for food and 1 opening for waste
- Chordates have a closed circulatory system where blood cells are:**
  - contained inside of blood vessels
  - free-flowing in the body
  - found only in the spinal cord
- Chordates have a complex nervous system that includes:**
  - the brain and spinal cord
  - the brain, spinal cord, and many nerves
  - the brain, tail, and nerves








## Funky Fish


*From the fearsome shark to the slippery hagfish, fish are some of the most abundant creatures in the water. There are many different kinds of fish in both the freshwater lakes and rivers and the salty waters of the ocean.*

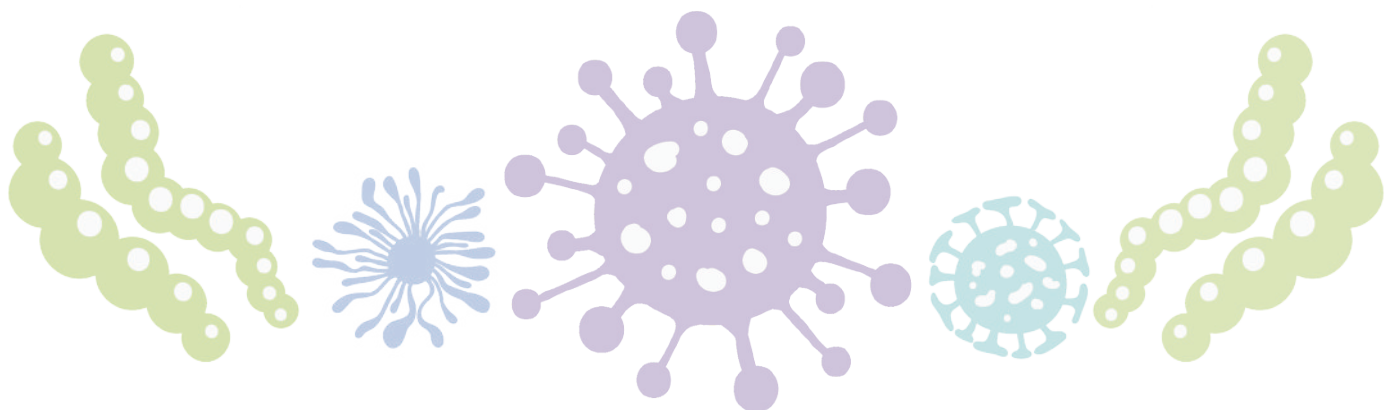
### Recommended Reading

 *Marvels of Creation: Sensational Sea Creatures*, by Buddy and Kay Davis, p. 9-11, 15-23, 27-31, 37, 45-51, 63-65, 69

 *Animal Classifications: Fish*, by Angela Royston

 *The Best Book of Sharks*, by Claire Llewellyn

 *Sea Horse: The shyest fish in the sea*, by Chris Butterworth



# ACTIVITY How Do Fish Breathe?

You already probably know that when you breathe you inhale air (with oxygen in it) through either your mouth or nose, and you then exhale air back through your mouth or nose. When the air enters your body it travels to your lungs where the oxygen is then taken out of the air and sent to all the cells in your body. All animals need oxygen to survive. But fish live in the water, so how do they breathe? In this activity, you'll be creating a fish to demonstrate how they breathe..

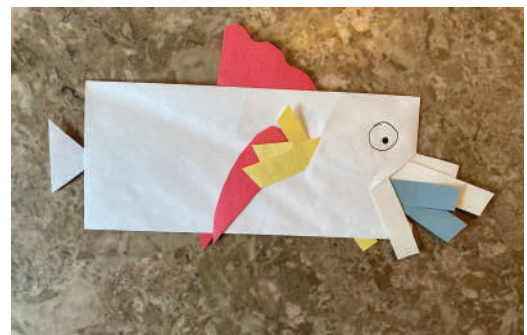
## SUPPLY LIST

- Envelope
- Scissors
- Tape or glue
- Construction paper
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Begin by sealing your envelope. Then, cut a triangle on one of the short sides of the envelope; this is your fish's mouth.
2. Tape or glue the triangle on the other short side of the envelope to create a tail fin.
3. Draw eyes on your fish and gill slits behind the eyes.
4. Use scissors and cut the gill slits open.
5. Cut out two side fins, also known as pectoral fins, and tape or glue them to the bottom side of your fish below the gill slits.
6. Cut out a top fin, also known as a dorsal fin, and tape or glue it to the top of your fish.
7. Spend some time decorating your fish with beautifully colored scales using crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
8. Cut several thin strips of yellow, white, and blue paper. The blue represents the water, the white represents oxygen which is what fish must have to breathe, and the yellow represents carbon dioxide which is the waste product the fish must get rid of.
9. Insert blue and white strips into the mouth. This represents the water and oxygen the fish gulps through its mouth which it then pumps out of its gills. In a real fish, as the water flows across the gills, the gills trap the oxygen so it can be delivered all over the fish's body. Pull the blue strip through the gill slits.
10. Insert a yellow strip through the gill slits. This shows that as the water flows through the gills, carbon dioxide is released and leaves the fish along with the water.

**NOTE:** While it's difficult to show a true representation of this on a paper model, it's important to understand that fish have many, many gills which act like filters behind their gill slits, allowing them to trap a lot of oxygen to be delivered to their bodies while at the same time allowing the water to escape.



# Animal Fact File

Phylum Chordata:  
Class Osteichthyes  
The Bony Fish

Choose an animal in this class to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate  
 Invertebrate

Herbivore  
 Carnivore  
 Omnivore

Fun Facts

Picture



# Animal Fact File

Phylum Chordata:  
Class Agnatha  
The Jawless Fish

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Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate

Invertebrate

Herbivore

Carnivore

Omnivore

Picture

Fun Facts



## Animal Fact File

Phylum Chordata:  
Class Chondrichthyes  
The Cartilaginous Fish

Choose an animal in this class to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate

Invertebrate

Herbivore

Carnivore

Omnivore

Picture

Fun Facts



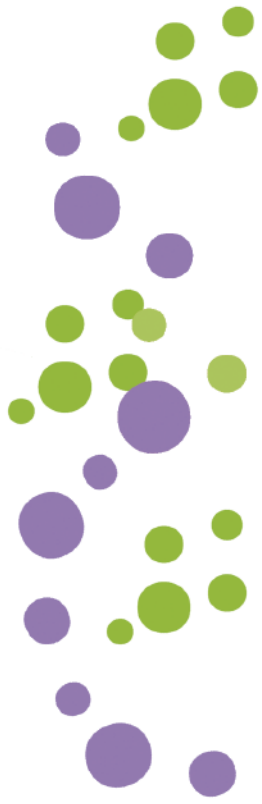


## LESSON 25: MATTHEW 13:47

Again, the kingdom of heaven  
is like a net that was thrown  
into the sea and gathered  
fish of every kind.

Four sets of handwriting practice lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.





## LESSON 25: MATTHEW 13:47

Handwriting practice lines consisting of ten sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).



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## LESSON 25: MATTHEW 13:47

Handwriting practice lines consisting of six rows. Each row is defined by two solid horizontal lines with a dashed horizontal line centered between them.

**QUESTION:**

Jawless fish lack what 3 features?

**ANSWER:**

1) Jaw 2) Appendages 3) Scales



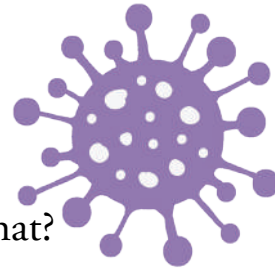
LESSON 25

**QUESTION:**

Cartilaginous fish have a skeleton made of what?

**ANSWER:**

Their skeleton is made of cartilage, and they have a bony jaw.



LESSON 25

**QUESTION:**

Most bony fish have what two features on their bodies?

**ANSWER:**

Bony fish have fins and scales.



LESSON 25



# Funky Fish

## Lesson 25 Quiz



1. All fish, no matter what class they are in:

- A) have fins
- B) have scales
- C) live in water

2. Class **Agnatha**, or jawless fish, such as hagfish and lampreys, do not have:

- A) jaws or teeth
- B) jaws, fins, or scales
- C) jaws, teeth, or scales

3. Class **Chondrichthyes**, or cartilaginous fish, such as sharks, rays, and skates, have endoskeletons made of:

- A) bone
- B) cartilage
- C) soft, flexible bone

4. Skates and rays have flat, thin bodies and:

- A) small matching side fins
- B) large pectoral fins on the side of their head
- C) a fin found on the top of their body

5. Class **Osteichthyes**, or bony fish, have a skull and vertebral column made of:

- A) bone
- B) cartilage
- C) soft, flexible bone

6. All bony fish have fins that include a tail fin, matching side fins, dorsal fins, pelvic fins, and an anal fin.

- True
- False

7. Most bony fish also have scales, which are made of:

- A) cartilage
- B) a special material
- C) small, bony plates






## Amazing Amphibians

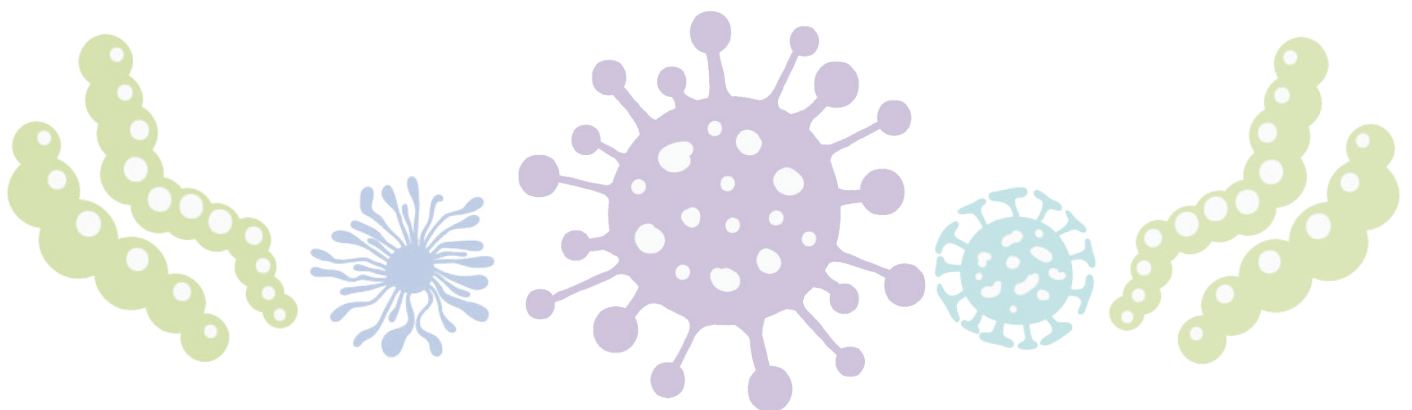
*Frogs, toads, salamanders—what do they all have in common? They all spend part of their life in the water and part on the land, a cross between a water creature and a land creature. These animals appreciate both sides of life.*

### Recommended Reading

 *Big Night for Salamanders*, by Sarah Marwil Lamstein

 *From Tadpole to Frog*, by Wendy Pfeffer

 *Animal Classifications: Amphibians*, by Angela Royston





# ACTIVITY Amphibian Life Cycle Observation

In this activity you'll have the unique opportunity to watch the life cycle of an amphibian. You'll see a tadpole undergo metamorphosis and develop into a frog!

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## SUPPLY LIST #1

- Frog eggs or young tadpoles
- A small tank or large glass bowl (covered with ventilation)
- Water conditioner
- Frog and tadpole food

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Tadpoles or frog eggs can often be found in ponds in the spring when it begins to warm up. If you catch your tadpoles in a pond, be sure to collect some water from the pond for their container. If you've purchased the kit, be sure to order your tadpoles a couple of weeks before you'd like to begin.
2. Place tadpoles, along with the water you collected, in their container and be sure to set the container someplace with shade. If you purchased a kit, follow the directions for ensuring the water is properly treated.
3. Feed your tadpoles a small pinch of food each day.
4. Sketch your tadpoles every week, and note the changes you see happening on your Amphibian Life Cycle Observation Journal page. It may take a few weeks, or several months, for your tadpole to mature, depending on the type of frog you've acquired. Make copies of the Amphibian Life Cycle Observation Journal page as needed.

## SUPPLY LIST #2

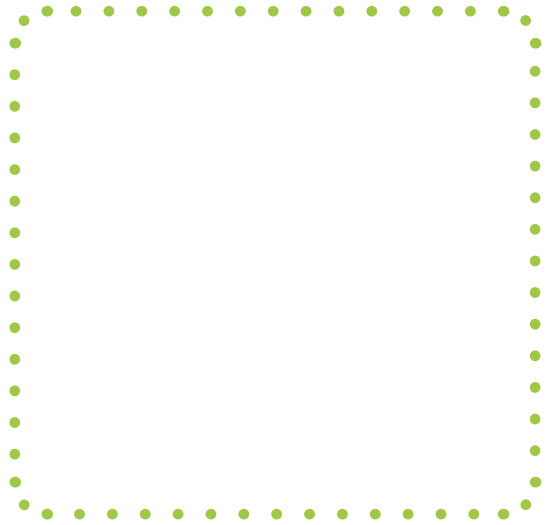
- Grow-A-Frog Kit (purchase from Home Science Tools)
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# AMPHIBIAN LIFE CYCLE OBSERVATION

Sketch your tadpole and make note of the changes you're seeing happen each week.

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Date \_\_\_\_\_



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# Animal Fact File

Phylum Chordata:  
Class Amphibia

Choose an animal in this class to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate  
 Invertebrate

Herbivore  
 Carnivore  
 Omnivore

Fun Facts

Picture





## LESSON 26: C.S. LEWIS

“Humans are amphibians—half-spirit  
and half-animal. As spirits they belong  
to the eternal world, but as animals  
they inhabit time.”

Four sets of horizontal lines for handwriting practice, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



## LESSON 26: C.S. LEWIS

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## LESSON 26: C.S. LEWIS

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**QUESTION:**

What is the difference between endothermic and ectothermic animals?

**ANSWER:**

Endothermic animals are able to control their own internal temperature. Ectothermic animals are not able to control their own internal temperature, and instead depend on the environment.

LESSON 26



**QUESTION:**

What does the name “amphibian” mean?

**ANSWER:**

“Both sides of life”: amphibians spend the early part of their life in the water and their adult life on land.

LESSON 26





# Amazing Amphibians



## Lesson 26 Quiz

**1. Amphibians live:**

- A) in water
- B) on land
- C) in water and on land

**2. Amphibians have an endoskeleton made of:**

- A) bone
- B) cartilage
- C) plasma

**3. Amphibian larvae are:**

- A) carnivores
- B) herbivores
- C) omnivores

**4. Amphibians are:**

- A) endothermic: they are able to regulate their own body temperature
- B) ectothermic: they are not able to regulate their body temperature, and instead depend on the environment
- C) endothermic for the first part of their life and ectothermic for the second part of their life

**5. Amphibians undergo metamorphosis.**

- True
- False

**6. Frogs and toads are included in Order Anura, meaning:**

- A) tailed ones
- B) legged ones
- C) tailless ones

**7. Order Urodela, meaning “tailed ones,” includes:**

- A) frogs and toads
- B) caecilians
- C) salamanders and newts

**8. Caecilians are included in Order Apoda, meaning:**

- A) legged ones
- B) legless ones
- C) tailless ones








## Resplendent Reptiles


*The reptiles can be small lizards that crawl on the walls or terrifying monsters of the deep, but these cold-blooded carnivores have fascinated human beings for thousands of years.*

### Recommended Reading

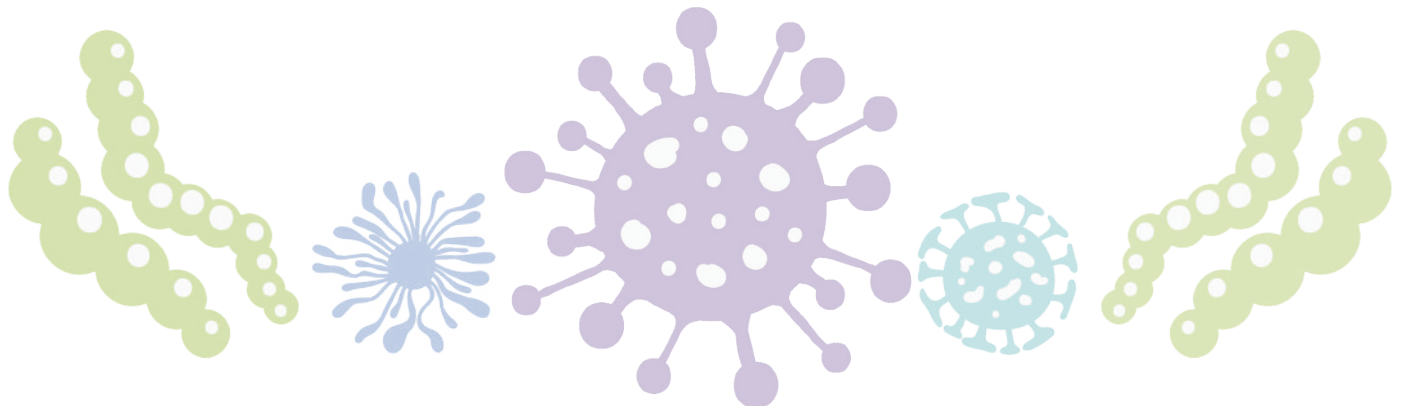
 *One Tiny Turtle*, by Nicola Davies

 *Snakes are Hunters*, by Patricia Lauber

 *Turtles in My Sandbox*, by Jennifer Keates Curtis

 *Python*, by Christopher Cheng and Mark Jackson

 *Marvels of Creation: Sensational Sea Creatures*, by Buddy and Kay Davis, p.39, 55, 57





# ACTIVITY

## Venomous Snakes Identification

Whether snakes fascinate or scare you, in this activity you'll have the opportunity to find out more about these slithering reptiles found in your local region.

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### SUPPLY LIST

- Poster board
- Pens, markers, or colored pencils

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. With a parent's help, spend some time researching online what venomous snakes are in your area.
    - Learn where the snakes are found.
    - Find out what they look like and print or draw pictures of them with their identifying marks.
    - Learn if they have any other identifying characteristics.
  2. Create a poster with pictures of different venomous snakes in your region, list their identifying features, and place a map on your poster board showing where they're found.
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# Animal Fact File

Phylum Chordata:  
Class Reptilia

Choose an animal in this class to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate  
 Invertebrate

Herbivore  
 Carnivore  
 Omnivore

Fun Facts

Picture





## LESSON 27: LUKE 10:19

Behold, I have given you authority to  
on serpents and scorpions, and over  
all the power of the enemy, and  
nothing shall hurt you.



# LESSON 27: LUKE 10:19

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 10 sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).



## LESSON 27: LUKE 10:19

Behold, I have given you authority to tread

on serpents and scorpions, and over all the

power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

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## LESSON 27: LUKE 10:19

Handwriting practice lines consisting of six rows. Each row is defined by three horizontal lines: a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



**QUESTION:**

What reptiles have a hard shell that's used for protecting their body?

**ANSWER:**

Order Testudines: the turtles



LESSON 27

**QUESTION:**

What reptiles have a large powerful jaw, enabling them to eat prey that can be larger around than they are?

**ANSWER:**

Order Squamata: the snakes and lizards



LESSON 27



**QUESTION:**

What reptiles are semi-aquatic apex predators?

**ANSWER:**

Order Crocodylia: the alligators and crocodiles

LESSON 27

**QUESTION:**

What group of reptiles has just one living species which has a third eye on the top of its head?

**ANSWER:**

Order Sphenodontia: the tuataras



LESSON 27



# Resplendent Reptiles



## Lesson 27 Quiz

**1. Reptiles' skin is:**

- A) dry and scaly
- B) waterproof
- C) not a living tissue
- D) all of the above

**2. Reptiles are:**

- A) endothermic
- B) ectothermic
- C) autotrophs
- D) producers

**3. Reptiles are able to survive very cold weather by slowing down all of the body systems including their heart rate and breathing. We call this:**

- A) hibernation
- B) migration
- C) slow down pattern

**4. Reptile eggs have a shell that is:**

- A) hard
- B) leathery
- C) similar to chicken eggs

**5. Baby reptiles go through a type of metamorphosis.**

- True
- False

**6. The order of reptiles which includes many extinct species but now only the tuataras, has no external ears, and has a third light-sensing eye on the top of their head is called:**

- A) Order Crocodylia
- B) Order Squamata
- C) Order Testudines
- D) Order Sphenodontia





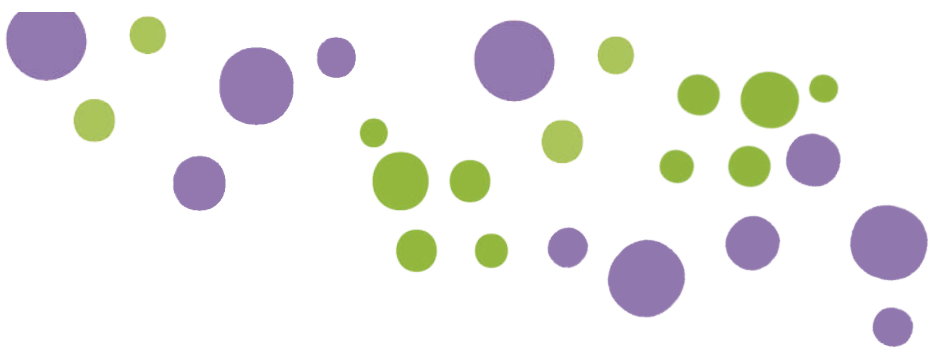
# Resplendent Reptiles



## Lesson 27 Quiz

7. The order of reptiles that includes animals that are semi-aquatic apex predators with elongated snouts, powerful jaws, and muscular tails is called:
- A) Order Crocodylia
  - B) Order Squamata
  - C) Order Testudines
  - D) Order Sphenodontia
8. This order, including lizards and snakes, is the largest group of reptiles:
- A) Order Crocodylia
  - B) Order Squamata
  - C) Order Testudines
  - D) Order Sphenodontia
9. The order that includes the reptiles with hard shells is called:
- A) Order Crocodylia
  - B) Order Squamata
  - C) Order Testudines
  - D) Order Sphenodontia






## Blissful Birds


*The group of animals in Class Aves is better known as birds—the great flying creatures of the world. Not that all birds fly, or that all flying creatures are birds, but birds are known for being the creatures that rule the sky.*

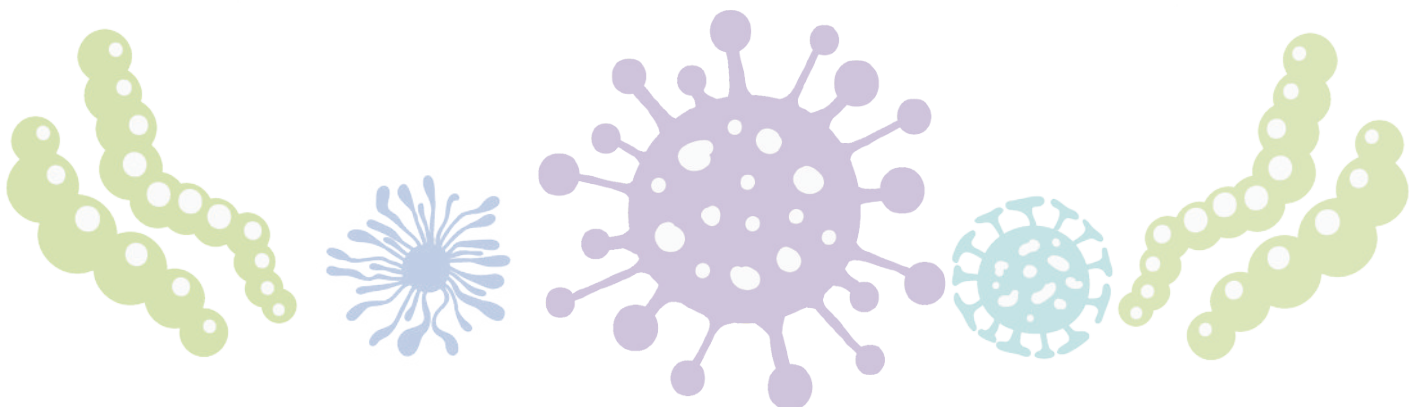
### Recommended Reading

 *How do Birds Find Their Way?*, by Roma Gans

 *Feathers: Not Just for Flying*, by Melissa Stewart

 *Take Along Guide: Birds, Nests, and Eggs*, by Mel Boring

 *The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of James Audubon*, by Jaqueline Davies





# ACTIVITY    Feed the Birds!

This week you'll create a bird feeder and spend time watching the feeder each day for new birds you can identify!

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## SUPPLY LIST

- Orange
- Sharp pencil
- Twine
- Lard
- Seeds
- Nuts
- Raisins
- Cheese

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Begin by cutting an orange in half across the middle and scoop out the flesh. This will be the cup to hold your bird food.
  2. Poke a hole in the base of the orange with a sharp pencil, then poke another hole about 2 inches away from the first hole.
  3. Thread twine through each of the holes so one side comes up through the center of one side of the orange cup and the other side of twine comes up through the other side of the orange cup.
  4. Chop lard into cubes and put them in a mixing bowl.
  5. Add seeds, nuts, raisins, and cheese to the mixing bowl and use your hands to mix it into the lard.
  6. Spread the twine so that it's on the sides of the orange cup and pack the seed and lard mixture into the cup. Put your orange cup bird feeder in the refrigerator for 30 minutes until it's hardened.
  7. Tie your bird feeder somewhere outside where you can watch it.
  8. Spend time each day watching the feeder for new birds. Make copies of the Observation Journal page on the next page and fill one out for each bird you see. Ask your parents for help using resources on the Internet to help with bird identification.
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# BIRD OBSERVATION & IDENTIFICATION

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DATE:	TIME OF DAY:
BEAK COLOR:	FEET COLOR:

IDENTIFYING MARKS:

NAME OF BIRD:

SKETCH: *(Take a picture with a camera and paste it below, or draw a picture.)*

# Animal Fact File

Phylum Chordata:  
Class Aves

Choose an animal in this class to research, and then compile all you've learned on this page!

Common Name

Scientific Name

Habitat

Diet

Vertebrate  
 Invertebrate

Herbivore  
 Carnivore  
 Omnivore

Fun Facts

Picture







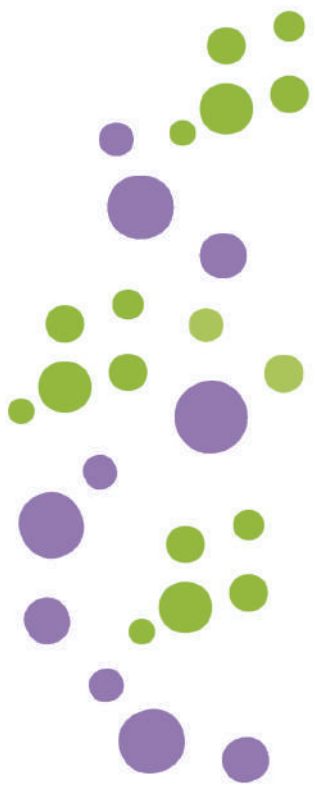
## LESSON 28: MATTHEW 6:26

Look at the birds of the air: they  
neither sow nor reap nor gather into  
barns and yet your heavenly Father  
feeds them. Are you not of more  
value than they?



## LESSON 28: MATTHEW 6:26

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 10 rows. Each row is defined by three horizontal lines: a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



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## LESSON 28: MATTHEW 6:26

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**QUESTION:**

What are three external characteristics that all birds share?

**ANSWER:**

All birds have wings, feathers, and a beak.



LESSON 28

**QUESTION:**

How do bird egg shells and reptile egg shells differ?

**ANSWER:**

Bird eggs have a hard shell; reptile eggs have a leathery shell.



LESSON 28



# BLISSFUL BIRDS

## Lesson 28 Quiz



1. Since birds can produce their own energy and regulate their own body temperature, we call them:

- A) endotherms
- B) ectotherms
- C) autotrophs
- D) producers

2. Which of the following is not a feature that ALL birds share?

- A) The ability to fly
- B) Feathers
- C) Wings
- D) Beaks

3. Birds are the only group of animals that:

- A) lay eggs
- B) have feathers
- C) have beaks

4. Feathers are living tissue that grow with the bird.

- True
- False

5. Beaks are found in many shapes and sizes, designed for the type of food the birds eat.

- True
- False

6. When a bird moves from one region of the world to another in order to stay warm and find adequate food, we call this:

- A) regional flight
- B) migration
- C) food movement

7. When looking at bird and reptile shells, we see:

- A) they look very similar
- B) bird eggs have a hard shell while reptile eggs have a leathery shell
- C) bird eggs are always much smaller than reptile eggs

8. Birds reproduce:

- A) sexually: there needs to be both a mother and father
- B) asexually: there only needs to be a mother
- C) both: usually they reproduce sexually, but sometimes they reproduce asexually






## Marvelous Mammals

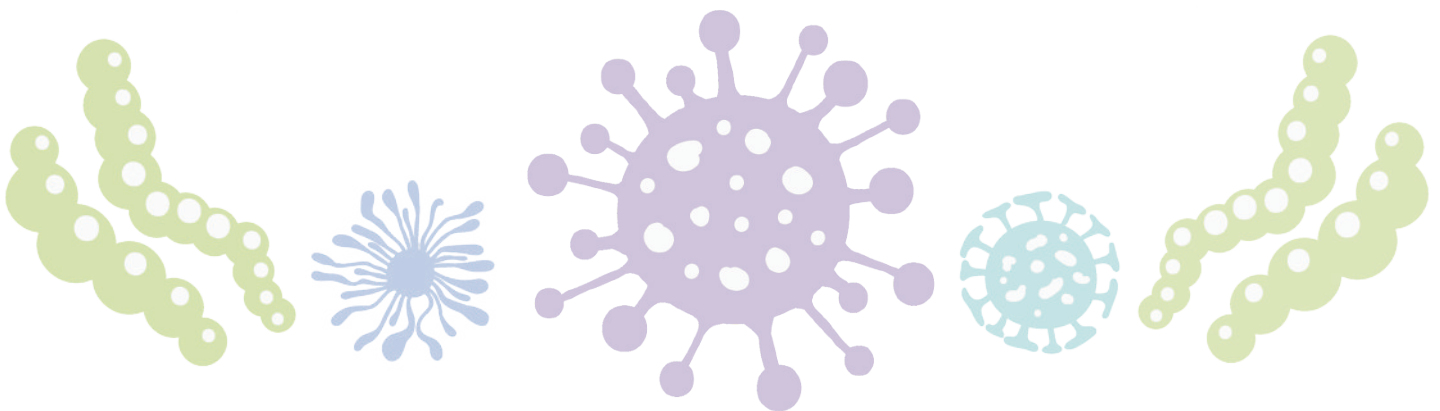
*Mammals are the only creatures on the planet with hair—some have a little, some have a lot. But it's this, plus a handful of other special traits, that make mammals among the most powerful and robust creatures on Earth.*

### Recommended Reading

 *Marvels of Creation: Sensational Sea Creatures*, by Buddy and Kay Davis, p. 13, 25, 35, 53, 67

 *The Story of Jane Goodall*, by Susan Katz

 *The World of Mammals*, by Memoria Press





# ACTIVITY **Blubber Glove**

Mammals are endothermic—they are able to regulate their own body temperature. In order to survive frigid temperatures, many mammals have bodies that have a thick layer of fat, just under the skin, called blubber. Polar bears can be padded with blubber that can be up to 4 ½ inches thick. Whales' blubber can be up to 16 inches thick! In this activity, we'll have the opportunity to explore how blubber helps some animals survive extremely cold temperatures.

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## SUPPLY LIST

- 2 large mixing bowls
- Ice water
- 3 Ziplock bags (1-gallon size)
- Duct tape
- Lard or shortening

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Begin by filling a gallon-sized Ziplock bag ½ - ⅔ full with shortening or lard.
  2. Push a second gallon-sized Ziplock bag into the one with shortening.
  3. Hold the top edges of both bags. Fold them down about 1 inch and tape the fold to seal them together. This will serve as your “blubber glove.”
  4. Put your hand in the glove and press the shortening to distribute it as evenly as possible around the glove. The entire inner portion of the glove should be surrounded by shortening.
  5. Fill up two medium-sized mixing bowls with ice and water. Wait until the water is very cold.
  6. Ask a parent to time you. Place one hand inside a Ziplock bag and plunge it into a mixing bowl filled with ice water. At the same time, place your hand in the blubber glove and then into the other mixing bowl filled with ice water.
  7. Compare how long you are able to keep your hand without blubber in the ice water to the hand with your blubber glove in the ice water.
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# QUESTIONS

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How long were you able to keep your hand without the blubber glove in the cold water?

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How long were you able to keep your hand with the blubber glove in the cold water?

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Compare how your hands felt with and without the blubber glove.

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## Bonus!

Can you think of something else you can use to put inside our glove besides lard or shortening to try to keep your body warm in cold water? Try it out and report if your blubber glove works better or the other glove you've designed works better!

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Class Mammalia

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## LESSON 29: JOB 12:7-8

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you; the birds of the heavens, and they  
will tell you; or the bushes of the earth,  
and they will teach you; and the fish  
of the sea will declare to you.

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# LESSON 29: JOB 12:7-8

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## LESSON 29: JOB 12:7-8

Handwriting practice lines consisting of six rows. Each row is defined by two solid horizontal lines with a dashed horizontal line centered between them.

**QUESTION:**

What animals are endothermic?

**ANSWER:**

Birds and mammals are endothermic.



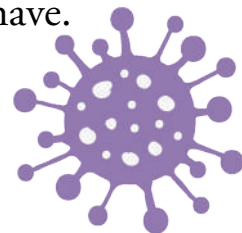
LESSON 29

**QUESTION:**

Where does the name “mammal” come from?

**ANSWER:**

The mammary glands which all mammals have.



LESSON 29

**QUESTION:**

What do mammary glands do?



**ANSWER:**

Mammary glands of a mammal produce milk to feed its young.

LESSON 29





# Marvelous Mammals



## Lesson 29 Quiz

1. Which of the following is NOT true about mammals?

- A) All have hair
- B) All have mammary glands
- C) All have gills
- D) All are endothermic
- E) All of the above are true

2. Mammals are one of only two classes of animals that have hair.

- True
- False

3. Hair has many different functions depending on the mammal. Hair can:

- A) protect the skin
- B) act as camouflage
- C) help the animal sense their environment
- D) all of the above

4. Endotherms use different strategies to help regulate body temperature.

- True
- False

5. All mammals breathe using bag-like organs called lungs to inhale oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide.

- True
- False

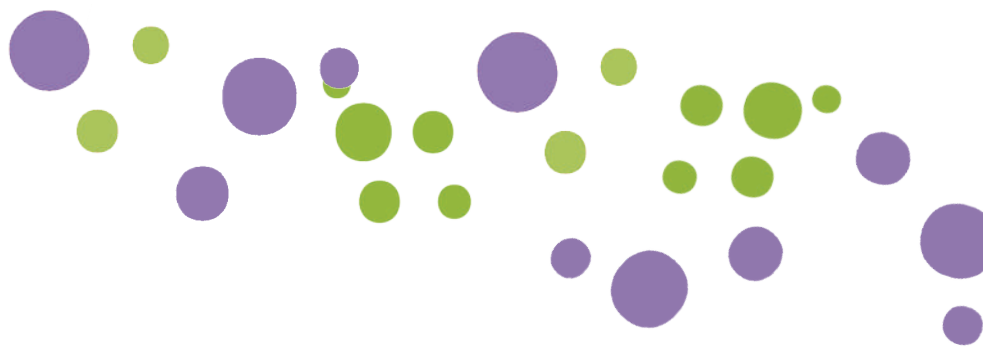
6. Mammary glands are unique to mammals. They are special glands that:

- A) produce energy to regulate body temperature
- B) produce milk to feed young
- C) produce hair

7. Mammals are found:

- A) on land
- B) in water
- C) in the air
- D) all of the above are true







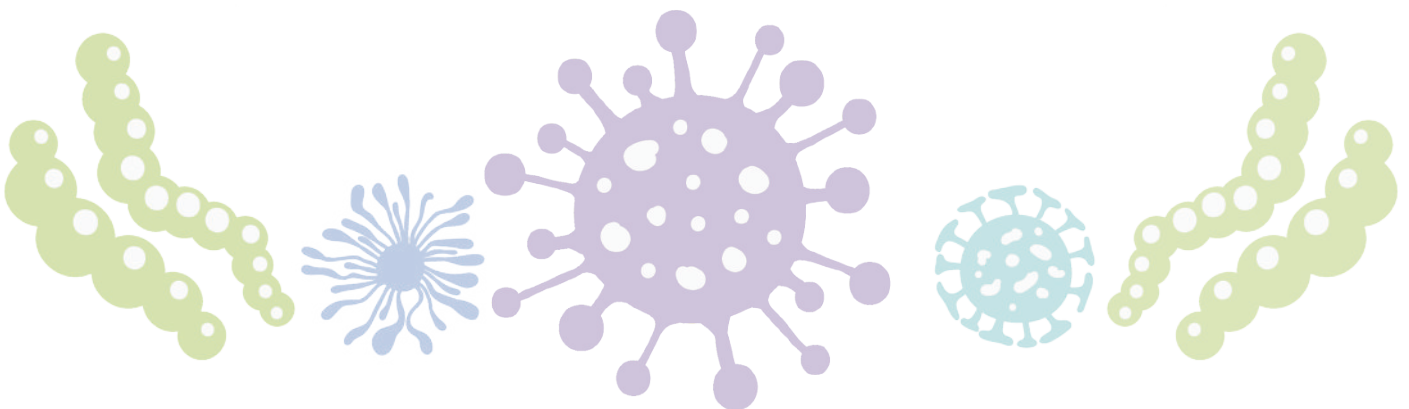
## Mini Mammals

*Mammals don't all grow the same way when they are just formed. Some of them grow inside their mothers. Some grow in a pouch. And some, but not many, even grow inside eggs.*

### Recommended Reading

 *Animals Born Alive and Well*, by Ruth Heller

 *A Mammal is an Animal*, by Lizzy Rockwell





# ACTIVITY

## Comparing the Vertebrates

In your final activity, you'll be reviewing the information you've learned during the last seven weeks of the course and creating a poster with information about each group of vertebrates you've learned about this year!

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### SUPPLY LIST

- Poster board
- Drawing and coloring supplies
- Magazines pictures of animals online to print

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Collect information about each vertebrate class you've studied this year. What characteristics do the animals in each class share? Are they endothermic or ectothermic? Do they live on land or in the water? What unique features do they have? Be sure to look at each of the following classes:
    - Class Chondrichthyes — the cartilaginous fish
    - Class Agnatha — the jawless fish
    - Class Osteichthyes — the bony fish
    - Class Amphibia — the frogs, toads, and salamanders
    - Class Reptilia — the snakes, lizards, turtles, and alligators
    - Class Aves — the birds
    - Class Mammalia — the mammals
  2. Find pictures of different animals in each of the classes. Cut them out of magazines or find pictures online you can print out.
  3. Design a poster board with the information about each of the classes of vertebrates along with the images you've collected.
  4. Decorate your poster and make it fun. Show it off to friends and family and teach them about the different classes of vertebrates you've studied this year!
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## LESSON 30: GENESIS 1:31

And God saw everything that he had  
made, and behold, it was very good.

And there was evening and there was  
morning, the sixth day.

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## LESSON 30: GENESIS 1:31

Handwriting practice lines consisting of ten sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).



## LESSON 30: GENESIS 1:31

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and behold, it was very good. And there was  
evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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## LESSON 30: GENESIS 1:31

Handwriting practice lines consisting of six sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).

**QUESTION:**

What are the 3 types of mammals?



**ANSWER:**

1) Placental mammals 2) Marsupials 3) Monotremes

LESSON 30

**QUESTION:**

What is a placenta?



**ANSWER:**

A placenta is an organ that attaches the baby and the mother together which brings nourishment to the baby and removes waste.

LESSON 30



**QUESTION:**

What makes humans different from all the other created creatures?

**ANSWER:**

Humans are created in the image of God.



LESSON 30



# Mini Mammals



## Lesson 30 Quiz

1. Mammals can be divided into three different groups based on how they begin their lives.  
True  
False
2. What type of mammals have young that develop inside of the mother, nourished by a placenta, and are developed enough to function in the world after being born?  
A) Placental mammals  
B) Marsupials  
C) Monotremes
3. What type of mammals develop inside an egg?  
A) Placental mammals  
B) Marsupials  
C) Monotremes
4. What type of mammals develop just a few days inside a mother and after they're born climb inside their mother's pouch and attach themselves to their mother until they're developed enough to function in the world?  
A) Placental mammals  
B) Marsupials  
C) Monotremes
5. A placenta is what attaches the mother to the baby and:  
A) provides nourishment  
B) removes wastes  
C) both
6. How are humans different from all other creatures?  
A) They are not part of animal classification.  
B) They only have hair on their head.  
C) Their development is different from all other mammals.  
D) They are created in the image of God.

