



# Classifying Organisms

Teach Well



New Topic

What we are  
learning today



## Learning Objective

Students will use scientific names to **identify** species.

## Vocabulary

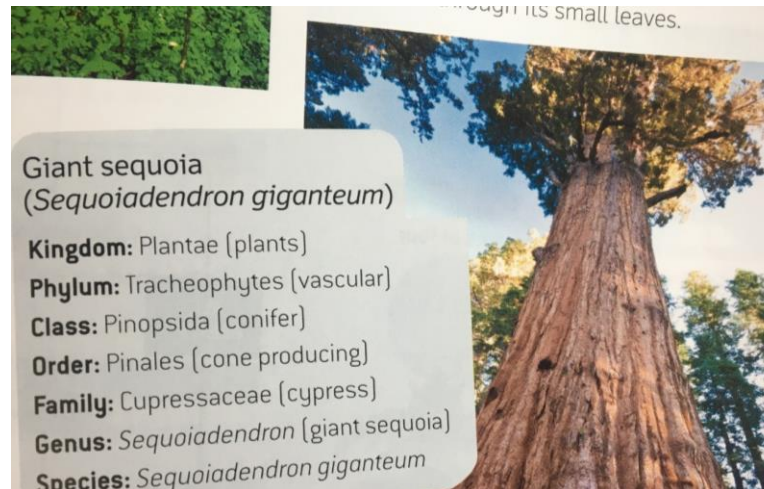
**Identify** = pick out

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What are we learning today (own words)?

## Think - Pair - Share

Write the scientific names for these organisms:



## Success Criteria



## Whiteboards:

Write down your full name.

Pair-Share:

- 1. In what kinds of situations do we usually use our full names?*
- 2. Why?*

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Be ready to share your answers.

*Hello* My name is...

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## Scientific Naming

A scientific name is a name that describes the appearance of an organism or where it was first discovered.

A binomial system is used by scientists to name specific organisms.

A binomial name has **two parts**.

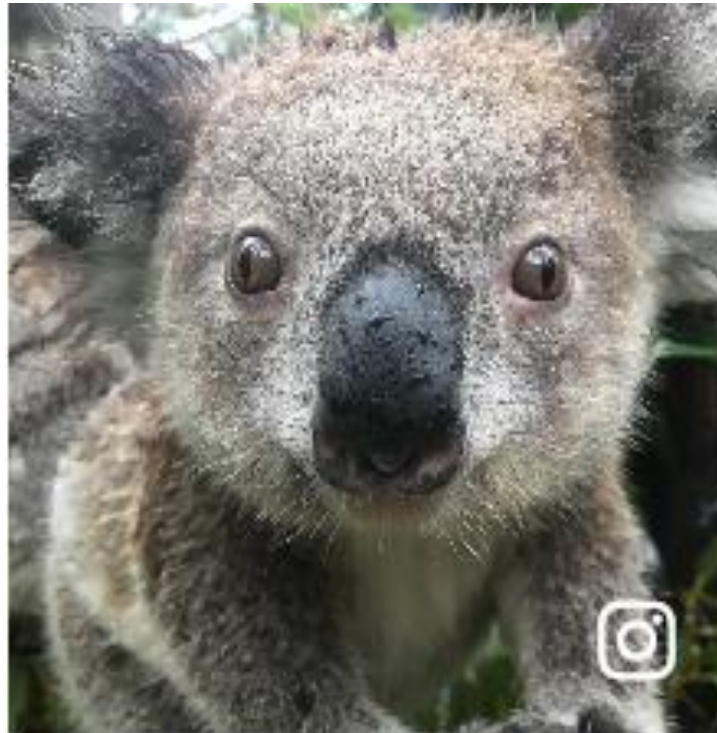
*Genus species*

Example of a scientific name:

*Phascolarctos cinereus*

Common name:

**Koala**



### CFU 1

How do scientists name organisms?

### CFU 2

Why is the common name "koala" NOT an example of a scientific name?

### Vocabulary

**Genus** and **species** are names of categories in scientific naming.

# Scientific Naming

A scientific name also tells us the relationship between organisms.

## Genus

is the category that groups organisms with common features.

### Macropus:

Kangaroos  
Wallaroos

Wallabies  
Tree-kangaroos

## Species

is the most specific category and distinguishes the organism from others that are part of the same genus.  
Species names are unique.



*Macropus giganteus*



*Macropus rufus*



*Macropus fuliginosus*



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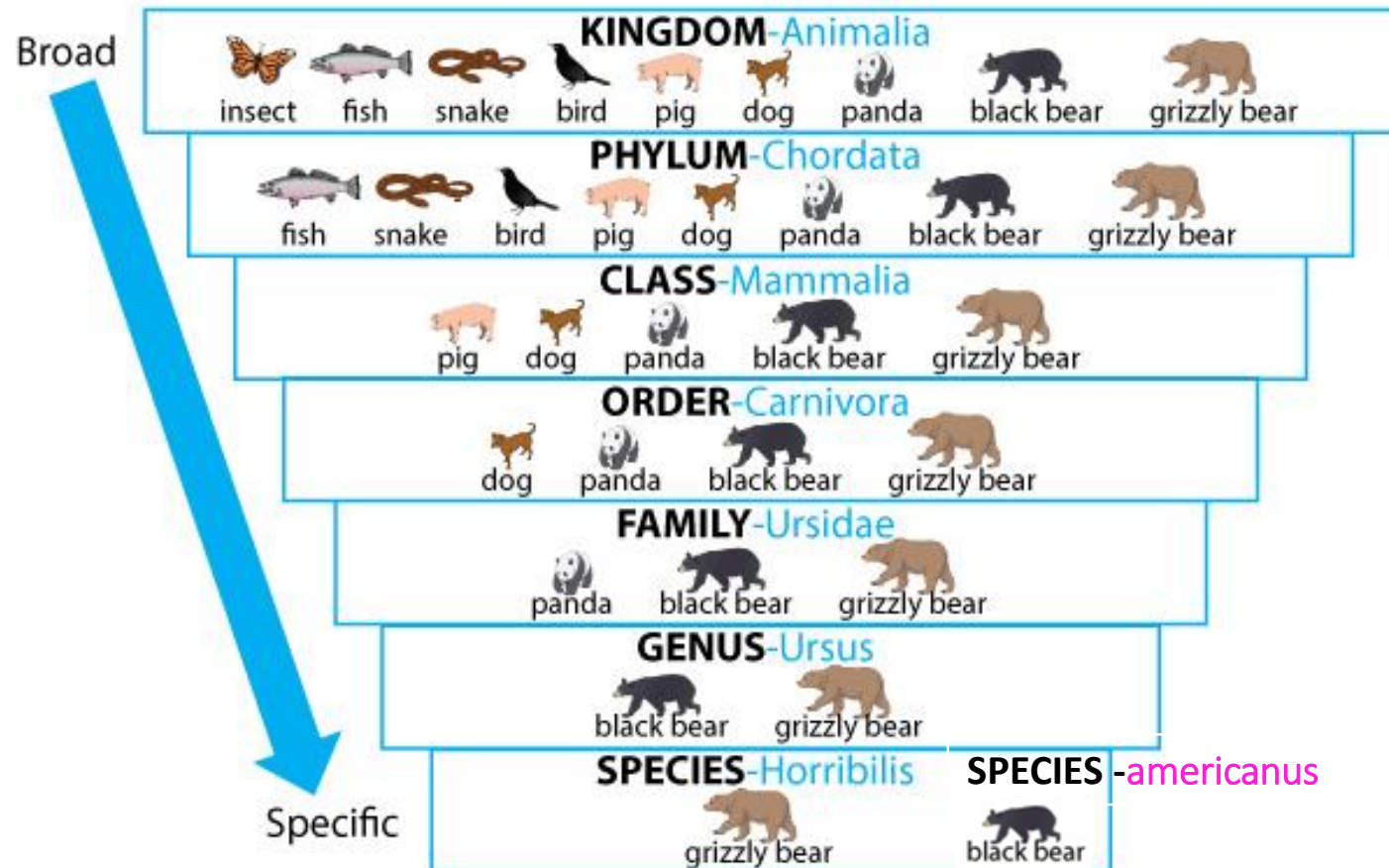
Eg.

**Grizzly bear**

Genus: *Ursus*

Species: *horribilis*

Scientific name: =  
*Ursus horribilis*



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Which is the correct scientific name for a **black bear**?

- a) *Ursus horribilis*
- b) *Ursus americanus*
- c) *americanus*

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**KINGDOM**  
(Animalia)



**PHYLUM**  
(Chordata)



**CLASS**  
(Mammalia)



**ORDER**  
(Primates)



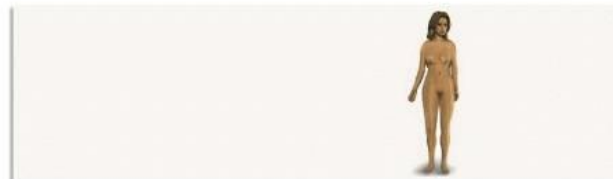
**FAMILY**  
(Hominidae)



**GENUS**  
(*Homo*)



**SPECIES**  
(*sapiens*)



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Which is the correct scientific name for a human?

- a) Homo
- b) Homo sapiens
- c) Wise man

Be prepared to give a reason for your answer.

## The Steps:

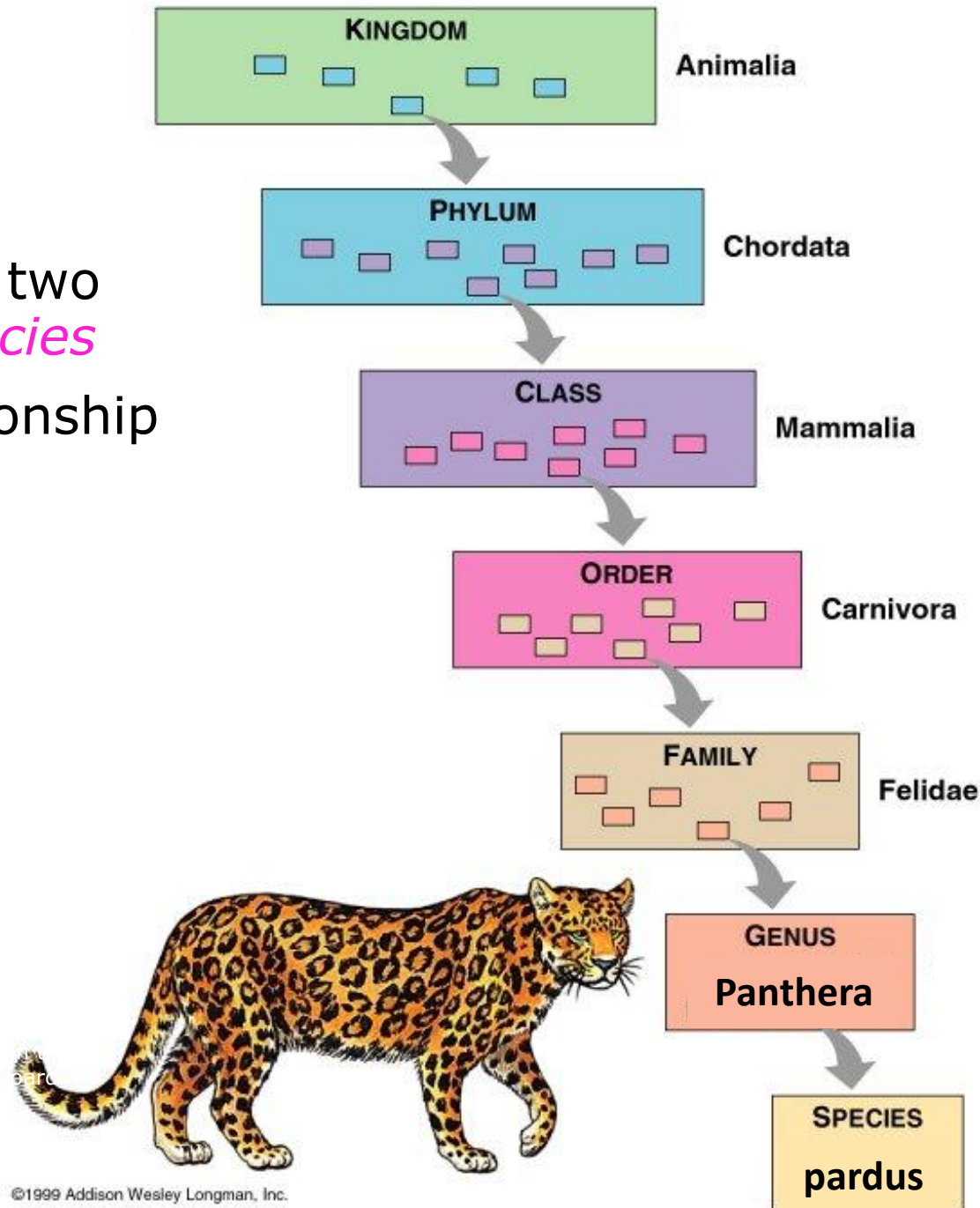
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## CFU 2

What is the scientific name of a leopard?

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## Fun fact

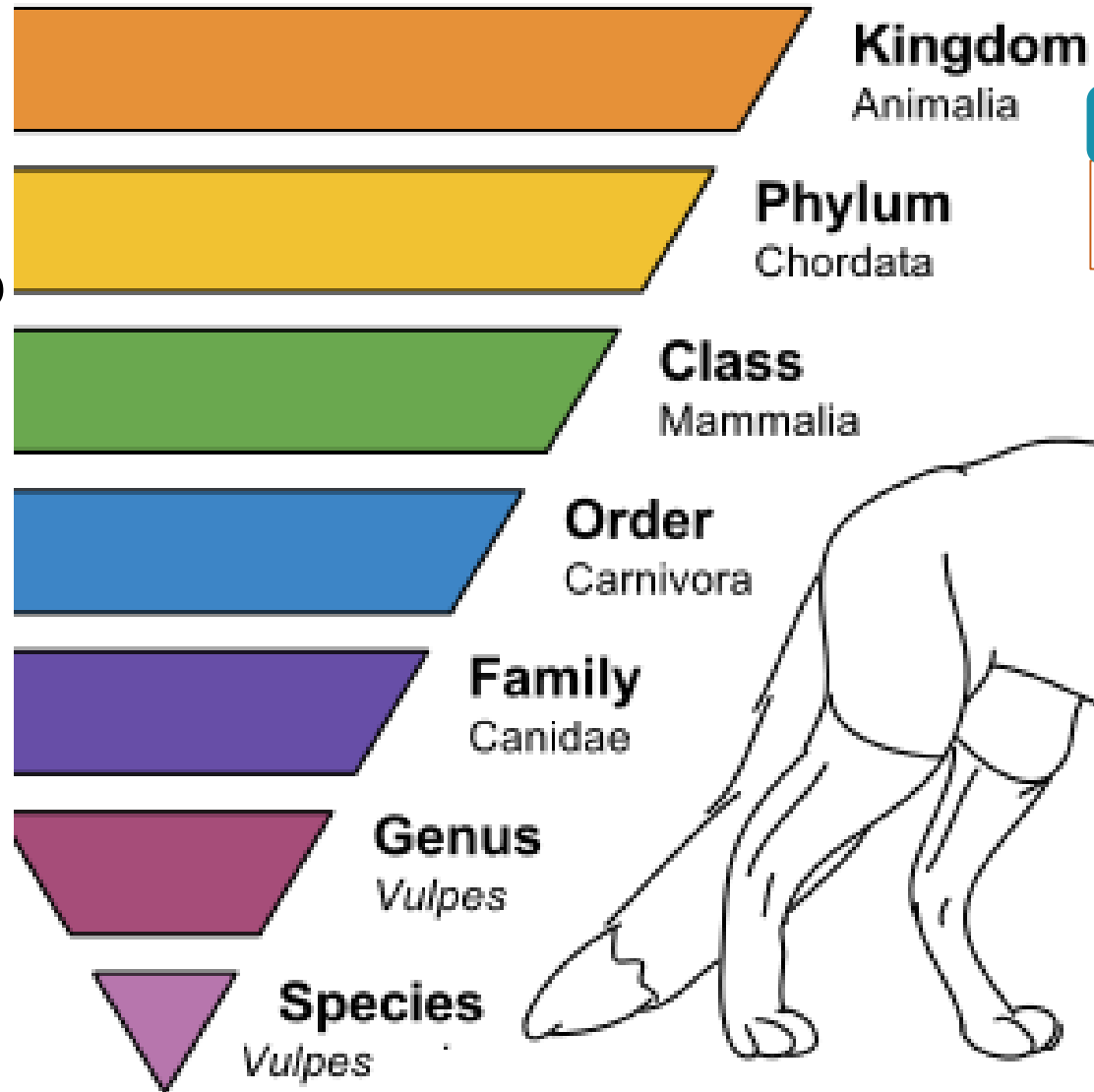
*Panthera* means leopard.  
*pardus* means spotted.

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CFU 2

What is the scientific name of a fox?

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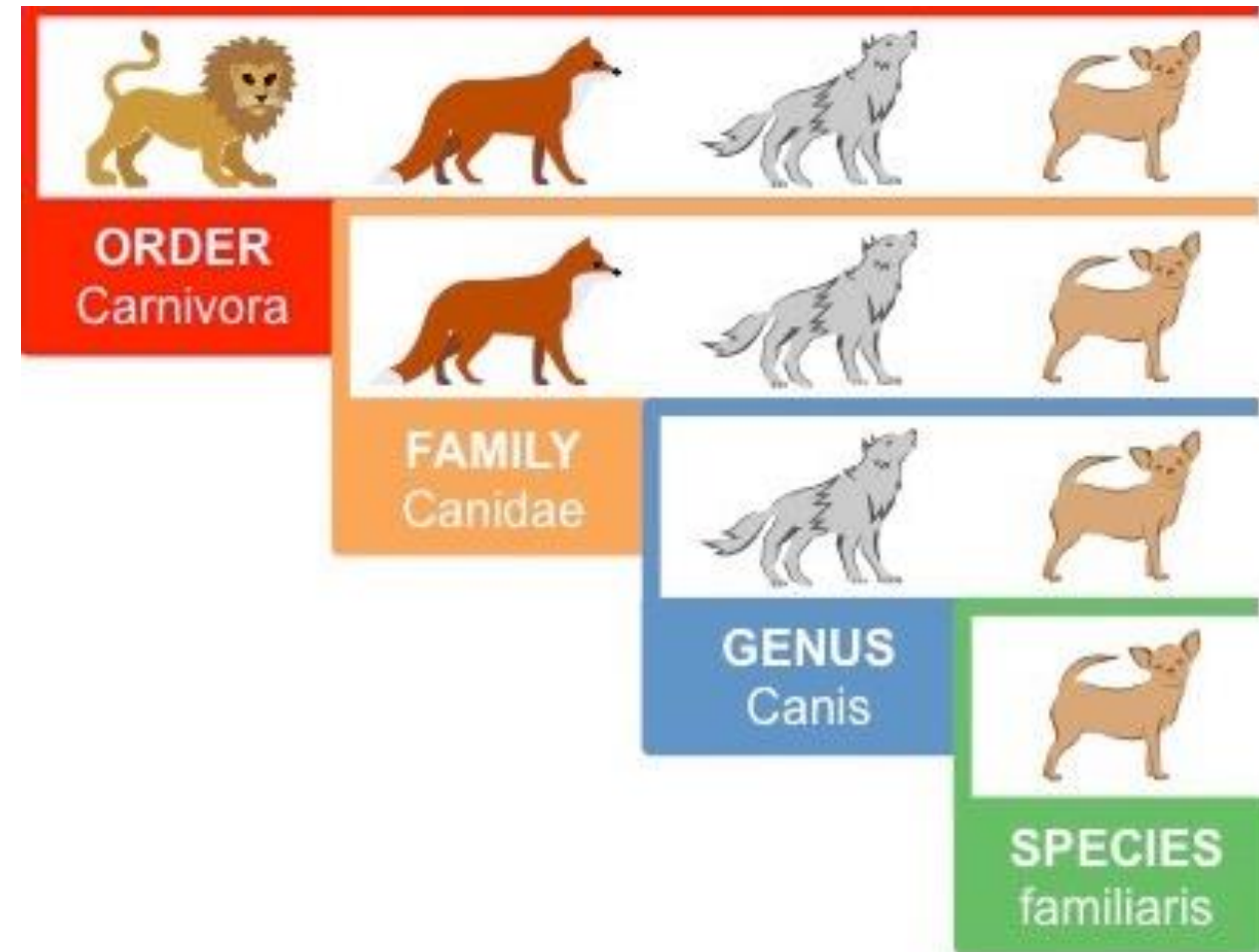
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### CFU 1

What is the name of the Genus that dogs belong to?

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### Fun fact

*Familiaris* is a Latin word for 'household'.

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**Tiger**

**Common name:** Tiger

**Class:** Mammalia

**Order:** Carnivora

**Family:** Felidae

**Genus:** Panthera

**Species:** Tigris

*Tigers and domestic cats belong to the same family (Felidae) and share many similar characteristics. The tiger (Panthera tigris) belongs to the genus Panthera, along with the lion, jaguar and leopard.*



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CLASS: MAMMALIA

e.g. kangaroo, fox, tiger, jungle cat, domestic cat

ORDER: CARNIVORA

e.g. fox, tiger, jungle cat, domestic cat

FAMILY: FELIDAE

e.g. tiger, jungle cat, domestic cat

GENUS: FELIS

e.g. jungle cat, domestic cat

SPECIES: FELIS CATUS

e.g. domestic cat



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### Red-eyed tree frog

**Class:** Amphibia

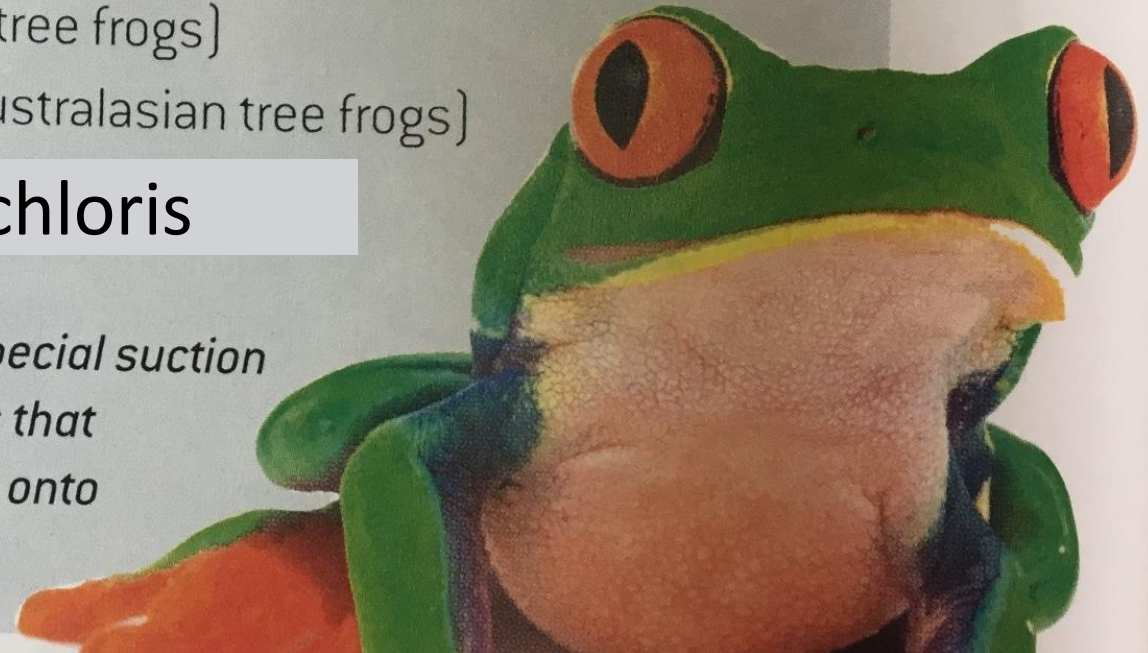
**Order:** Anura (frogs)

**Family:** Hylidae (tree frogs)

**Genus:** *Litoria* (Australasian tree frogs)

**Species:** *chloris*  
tree frog)

*Tree frogs have special suction pads on their toes that allow them to grip onto trees more easily.*



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### Common bottlenose dolphin

**Class:** Mammalia

**Order:** Cetacea (large sea mammals)

**Family:** Delphinidae (ocean-living dolphins)

**Genus:** *Tursiops* (bottlenose dolphins)

**Species:** *truncatus*  
bottlenos

*Common bottlenose dolphins live in groups called pods. A pod usually contains up to 25 dolphins, but the group size can vary from a pair of dolphins to over 100 and occasionally as many as 1000.*





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Orange Clownfish

**Class:** Pisces

**Order:** Perciformes (bony, ray-finned fish)

**Family:** Pomacentridae (damselfish and clownfish)

**Genus:** *Amphiprion* (clownfish)

**Species:** ocellaris (orange clownfish)

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Blue and yellow macaw

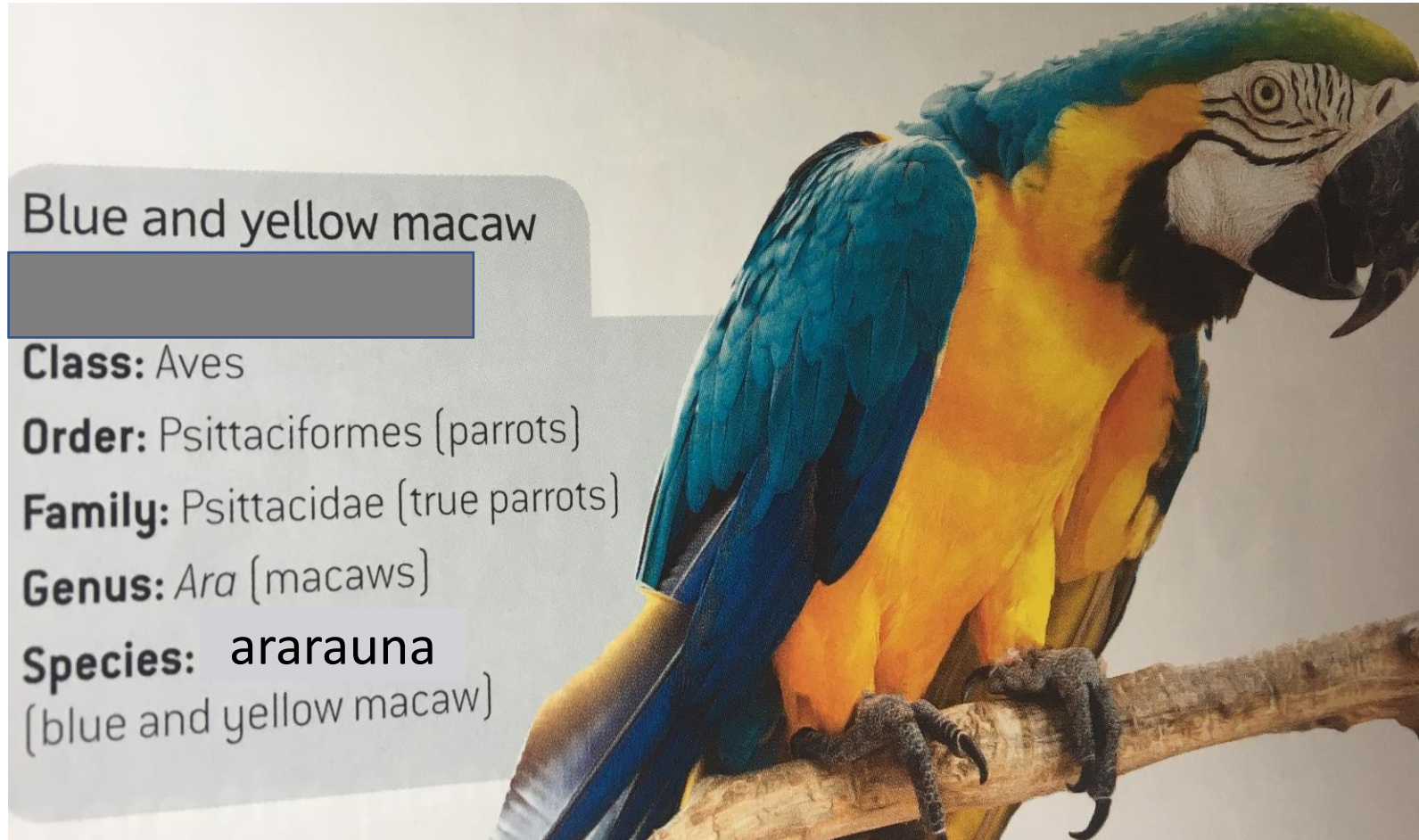
**Class:** Aves

**Order:** Psittaciformes (parrots)

**Family:** Psittacidae (true parrots)

**Genus:** *Ara* (macaws)

**Species:** *ararauna*  
(blue and yellow macaw)





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### Frill-necked lizard



**Class:** Reptilia

**Order:** Squamata (scaled reptiles)

**Family:** Agamidae (dragon lizards)

**Genus:** *Chlamydosaurus* (frill-necked lizards)

**Species:** *Kingii* (frill-necked lizard)

*Frill-necked lizards fan out their frills to frighten attackers.*



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### Venus flytrap

**Kingdom:** Plantae (plants)

**Phylum:** Anthophyta (flowering)

**Class:** Eudicotyledons (pollen)

**Order:** Caryophyllales (fleshy)

**Family:** Droseraceae (sticky sap)

**Genus:** *Dionaea* (snap trap)

**Species:** *muscipula*



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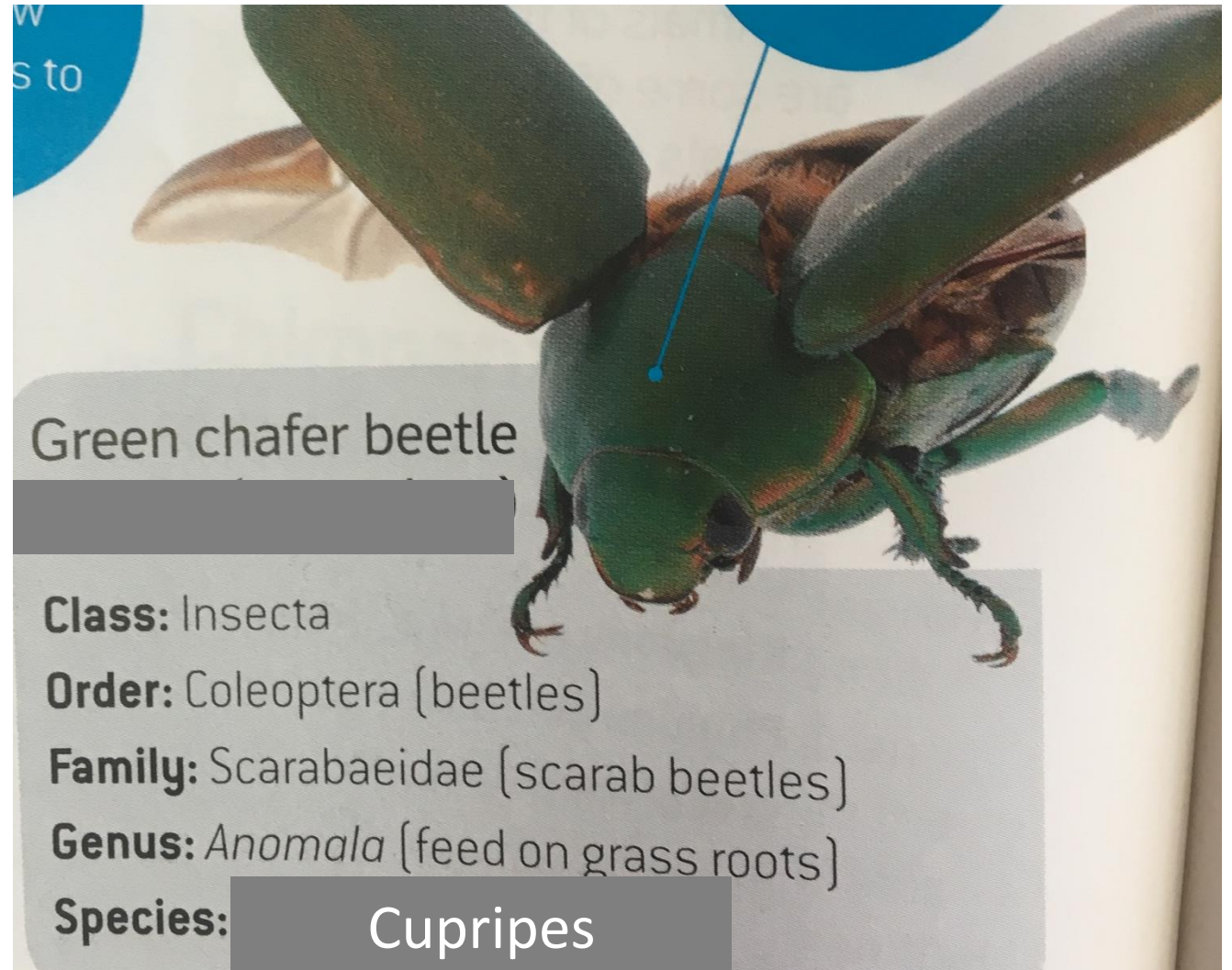
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## Why do we need to know about scientific naming?

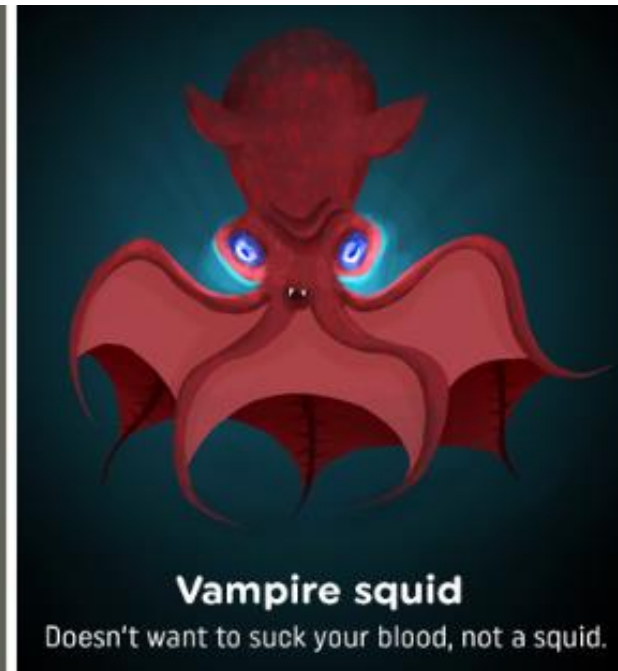
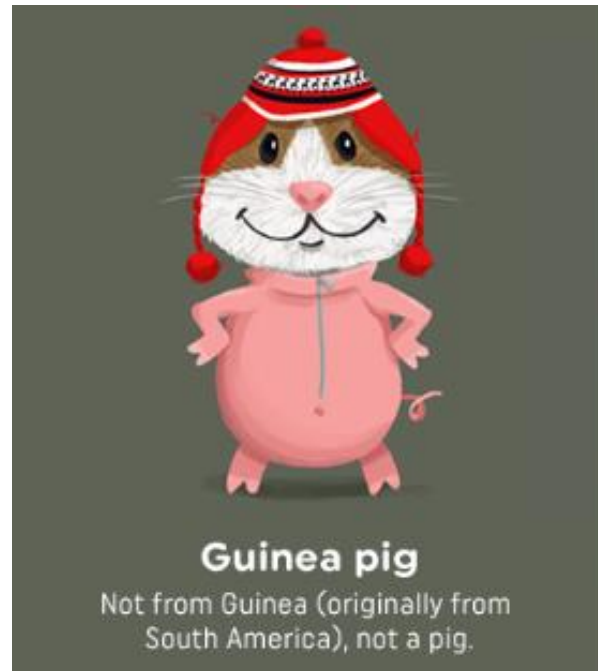
Organisms are scientifically named so that it is easier to communicate.

If there is one common system, people all around the world will know exactly what animal or plant you refer to. It helps us to accurately describe organisms.

Knowing about scientific naming comes in handy in a wide range of activities and jobs, from biologists and zoologists, to gardeners and tour guides - pretty much anyone working with or interested in living things!

### CFU

Can you think of a situation or place you have heard or seen a scientific name used?







Which of these species are more closely related?  
How can you tell?

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Be ready to explain your answer.



*Macropus irma*



*Macropus robustus*

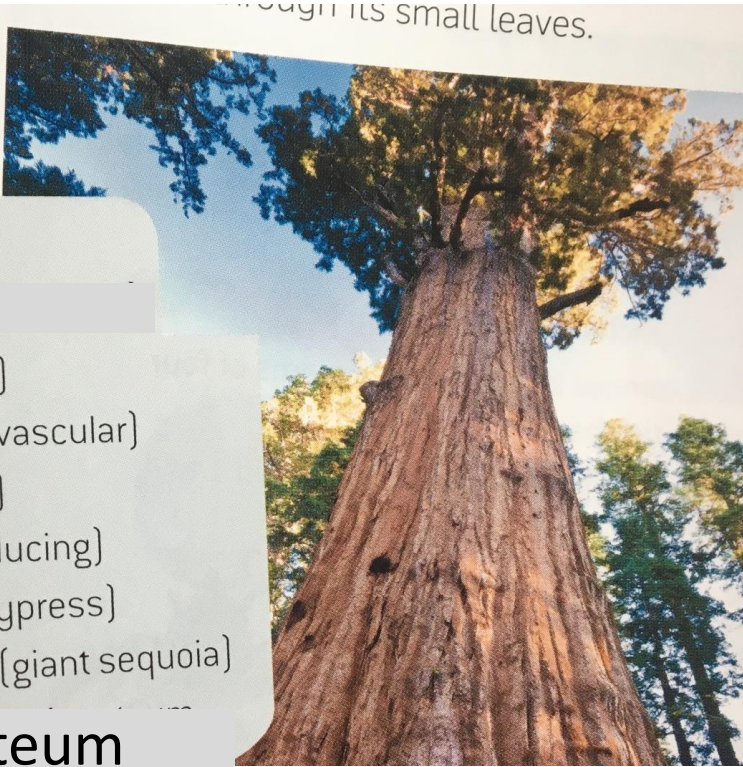


*Vombatus ursinus*



## Write the scientific names for these organisms:

1.



through its small leaves.

Giant sequoia

**Kingdom:** Plantae (plants)  
**Phylum:** Tracheophytes (vascular)  
**Class:** Pinopsida (conifer)  
**Order:** Pinales (cone producing)  
**Family:** Cupressaceae (cypress)  
**Genus:** *Sequoiadendron* (giant sequoia)  
**Species:** **giganteum**

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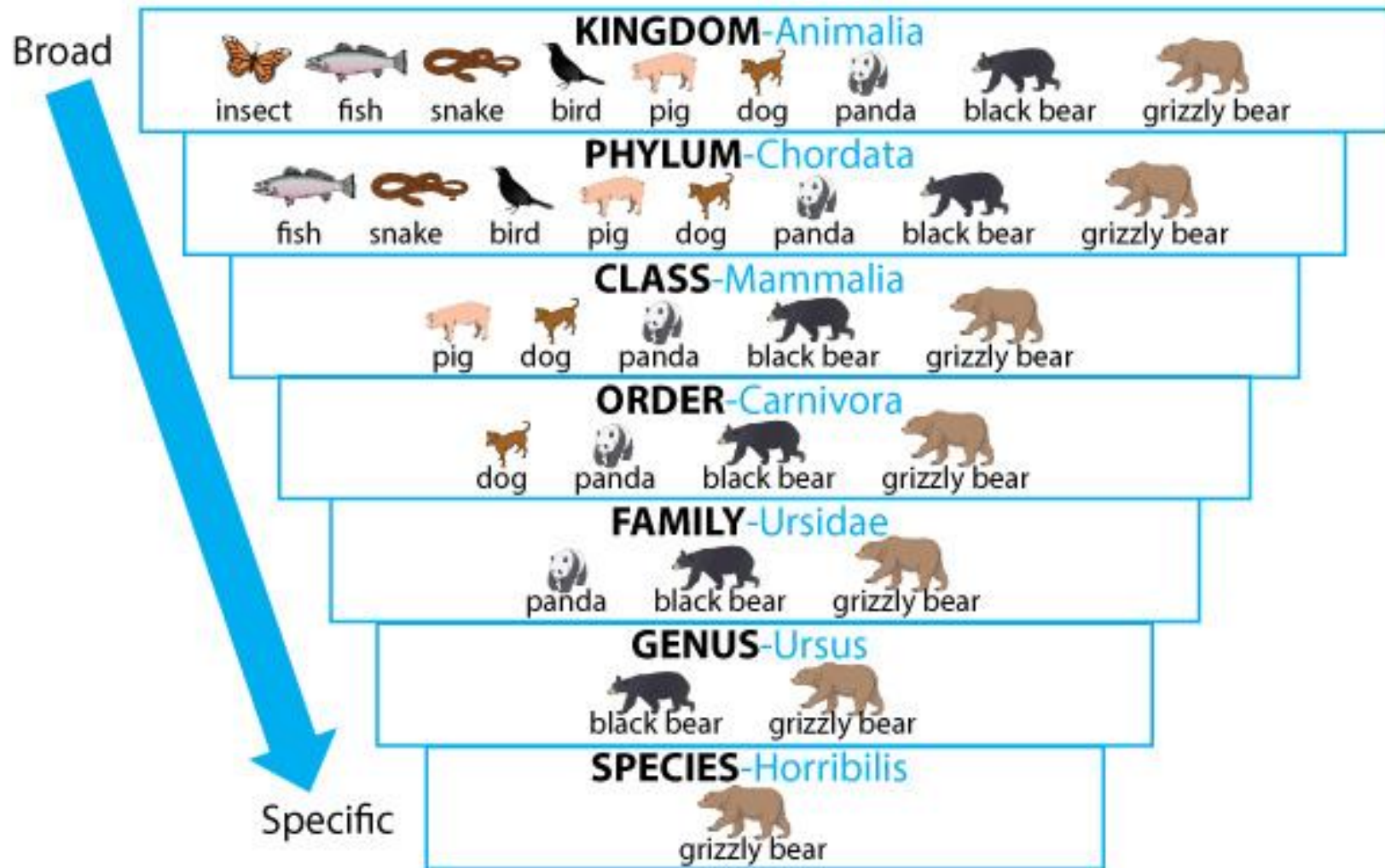
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Students will use scientific names to identify species.



## Your turn: Scientific Names Hunt

Research 5 different examples of animals and plants.

Find their common and scientific names and record your findings in the table below.

Common name	Scientific name
e.g. common starfish	<u>Asterias rubens</u>

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