

This bewildering variety of life around us has evolved on the earth over millions of years.

**Confusing**



Do we have time to try and understand all these living organisms?

We can not look at them one by one.



So, we look for **similarities** among the organisms, which will allow us to put them into **different classes** and then study different classes or **groups** as a whole.



Birds



Reptiles

In order to make **relevant groups** to study the variety of life **meaningful** to decide which **characteristics** decide more **fundamental differences** among organisms.

basic

This would create the **main broad groups** of organisms.



Within these groups, **smaller subgroups** will be decided by **less important characteristics**.

So, there is a **need to classify** all organisms on the basis of **similar characteristics**.