



Classifying Animals

Recommended Vocabulary for Explicit Discussion

Some vocabulary is learned implicitly by repeated exposure through reading books on a related topic. However, it is also beneficial to explicitly discuss and teach a few words from each read-aloud.

Utilize these key terms chosen from this read-aloud collection in conversation and activities to build vocabulary and reinforce concepts.

amphibians	energy	omnivores
aquariums	fangs	poisonous
backbone	food chain	research
bands	food web	restore
branching	fuel	scales
carnivores	gills	scientists
carnivorous	graceful	sleek
categories	herbivore	species
cave	imitate	spinal cord
chemicals	invade	surroundings
classify	link	survive
coils	mammals	top predators
cold-blooded	migrate	venom
curves	moisture	vertebrates
decomposers	nutrients	warm-blooded