

# Growth of Animals

## Today we will be...

Finding out about what babies different animals have.



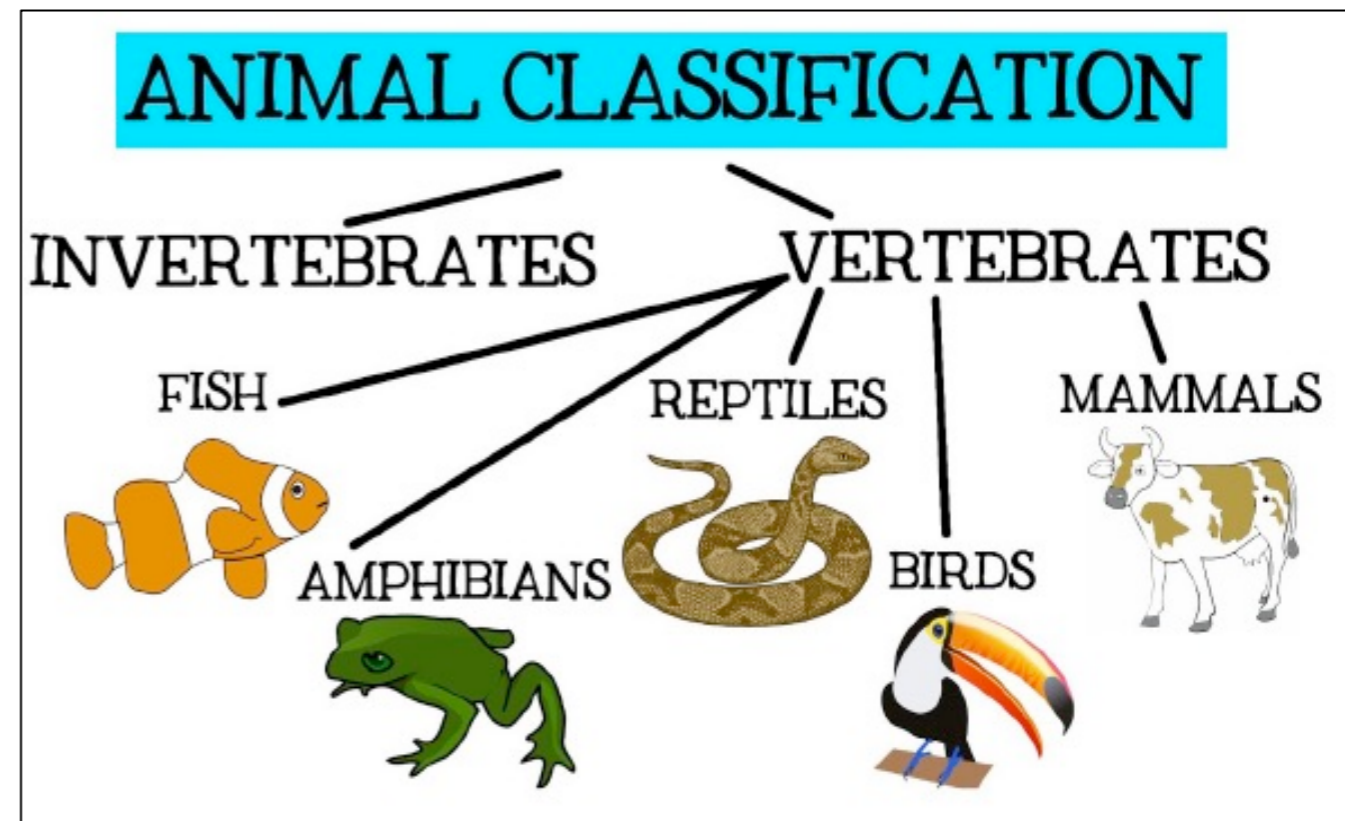
## **By the end of our lesson, you will:**

- Understand why animals have babies
- Be able to identify the babies of some animals
- Know that growth is a gradual process

# Let's Review



Do you remember the different types of animals we learnt about last week?



I think a dolphin is a fish because it swims in the sea.

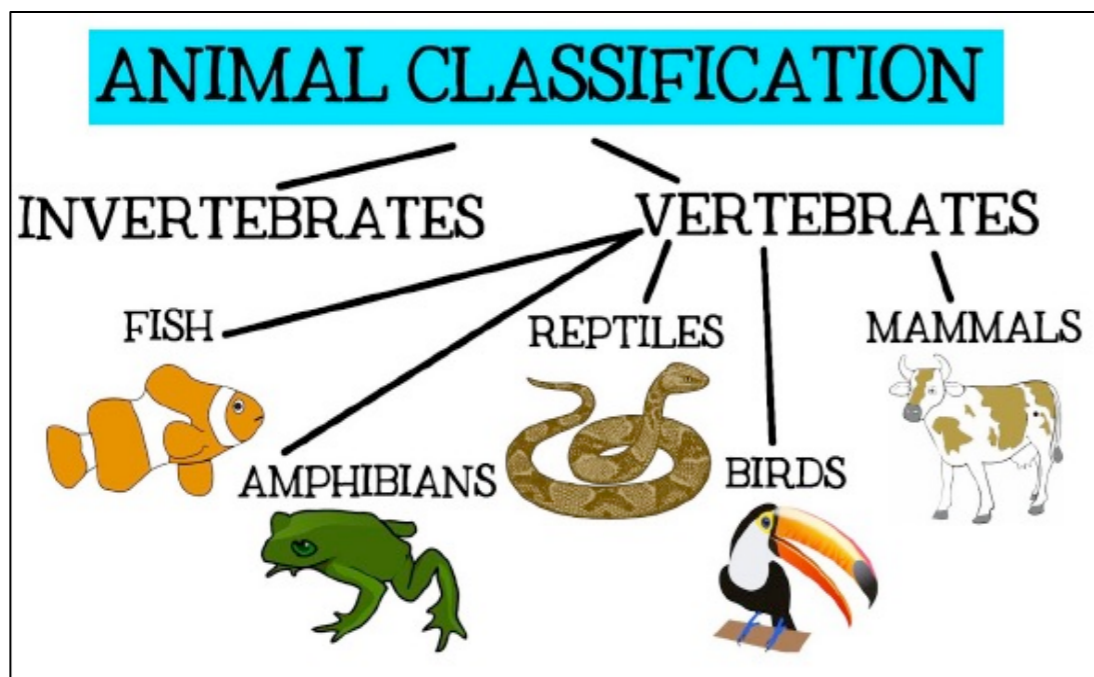
Am I right?

Discuss your answers with your grown up.

# Let's Review



A dolphin is a mammal. They have warm blood, breathe through lungs not gills, they give birth to live young and feed them milk and they even have very fine hair when they are born! These are the characteristics of a mammal!





What do all these animals have in common?  
Talk to your grown up.



These animals are all babies. This means that they are young and that they are not fully grown yet. One day, all these baby animals will become adults.



All species of animals have babies, just like humans.

Why do you think it is important for animals (including humans) to have babies?

THOUGHTS?



If animals didn't have babies, the species would become **extinct**. This means that the type of animal wouldn't exist anymore because they would have all died out. Animals have babies so that their species can **survive**.



Sometimes when a baby animal is born, it looks like a smaller version of its parents. Sometimes it looks completely different to how it will look when it is older.



Have a look at the photos of some baby animals and their parents. Can you match which baby goes with which adult?





# MATCH





Did you match them all correctly?



owlet / owl



chick / chicken



tadpole / frog



piglet / pig



calf /  
cow

# Your task

Have another go!

Look at the animals listed and see if you can match the baby to the adult.



Pair up the adult animals to their babies then stick them in the boxes and label each animal.

horse	chick	frog	lamb	chicken	sheep	duck	fly	caterpillar	duckling
butterfly	deer	foal	cat	maggot	tadpole	fawn	calf	cow	kitten



Can you match the adult animals to their babies?

chick	chicken	lamb	sheep

Or you can try this one instead.

Which of these animals do you think is most different as a baby to how it looks when it is an adult? Why?



hoglet / hedgehog



caterpillar / butterfly



lion cub / lion



puppy / dog



penguin chick / penguin

Talk through your answers with your grown up



Well done Year 2. I hope you enjoyed this task. Look out for some more Science activities next week.