

3. The categories would be too broad, and subdividing the species within each large group would make the system more useful.

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1. Answers will vary. Students should understand that the organisms have enough in common when contrasted against other living organisms such as bacteria, protists, and plants, to belong together.
2. These organisms are animals that have specialized organs and can move freely and reproduce.



1. If you classified all living organisms in two or three groups, would you put the organisms shown in the photos into the same group or different groups? Explain your answer.
2. What characteristics do these organisms have in common?
3. Would a system that divides all living things into two or three categories be useful? Explain your answer.