

Fun with Fictitious Animals

Directions: Read over the following taxonomic, or classification, key that describes ten fictitious animals. Using the information given in the key, answer the questions.

1	A. Body covered with hair.....	Go to 2
	B. Body covering is not hair.....	Go to 6
2	A. Has four legs.....	Go to 3
	B. Has more than four legs.....	Go to 4
3	A. Has two heads and two tails.....	Double Trouble
	B. Has one head and a short, bushy tail.....	Grenabar
4	A. Has one horn on its.....	Tamborg
	B. Has two horns on its head.....	Go to 5
5	A. Has wheels for feet.....	Skateroo
	B. Has feet with three sharp claws.....	Beezle Bub
6	A. Body covered with scales.....	Go to 7
	B. Body covered with feathers.....	Go to 8
7	A. Has flippers for its six feet and tail.....	Nessie
	B. Has pincers for its six feet and has a long, forked tail.....	Marfwheelzel
8	A. Has beak with no teeth.....	Go to 9
	B. Has mouth with sharp teeth.....	Tearitup
9	A. Has two antennae and short tongue.....	Quib
	B. Has four antennae and long tongue.....	Ork

Questions

- A tamborg is most like a
 - bird
 - fish
 - mammal
 - reptile
- Where would a nessie most likely live?
 - desert
 - ocean
 - forest
 - meadow
- How many legs does a beezle bub have?
 - two
 - three
 - four
 - more than four
- What kind of body covering does an ork have?
 - feathers
 - hair
 - scales
 - smooth skin
- Which animal is most like a real animal?
 - double trouble
 - skateroo
 - grenabar
 - ork

6. What color is a beezlebug?
a) red b) brown c) green d) cannot tell from key

7. Which animal is most likely to be able to climb trees?
a) beezlebug b) nessie c) skateroo d) ork

8. Describe what a quib looks like.

9. Draw a picture of a skateroo, including all of its characteristics mentioned in the key.

10. Draw a picture of the animal of your choice and see if a friend can guess which one you have drawn.