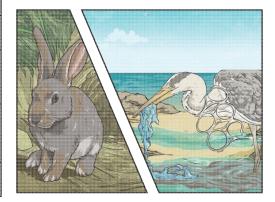
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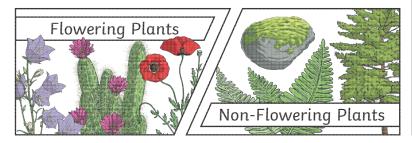
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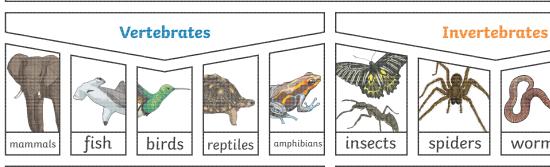
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centipede

harvestman

yes

earwig

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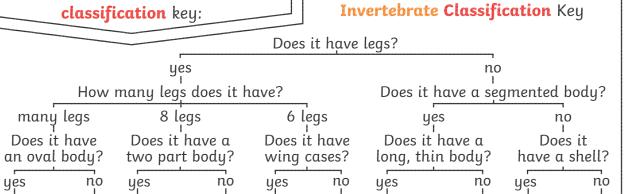
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no

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Does it have a

long, thin body?



no

beetle

earthworm

yes

caterpillar

Does it have

very short legs?

slater

yes

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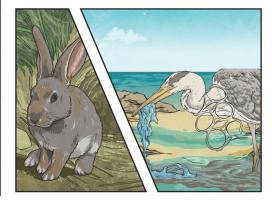
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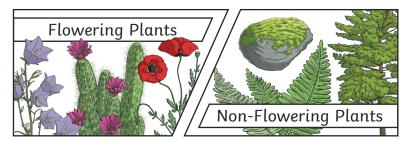
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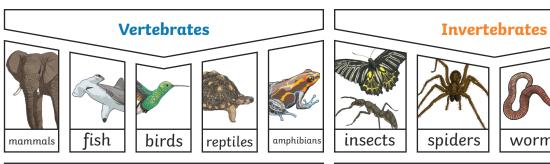
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