

BIRDS

Birds have feathers, wings, beaks, and two legs. Birds breathe with lungs and lay eggs. They have hollow bones so that they can fly. Bird mothers take care of young because they cannot live alone after birth.



MAMMALS

Mammals have fur or hair and use lungs to breathe. Mammals give birth to live young, which drink milk from their mothers. The mother takes care of her young because they cannot live alone after birth.



INSECTS

Insects have an exoskeleton or hard outer body covering. They have six legs, two antennae, and usually two wings. They do not breathe with lungs.



AMPHIBIANS

Amphibians lay eggs in the water and then they move to land as an adult. They need to have wet moist skin and begin life with gills, which change to lungs as they mature. When they move to land they must grow legs. Generally, amphibians do not take care of their young after birth.



REPTILES

Reptiles are land animals with dry skin and scales. Reptiles use lungs to breathe. Most reptiles are laid as eggs but some are born alive. Generally babies take care of themselves after birth.



FISH

Fish live their whole life in water. They breathe with gills and have scales. They have fins that help them move. Fish lay eggs and do not care for their young.

