We know that lots of animals live in an ecosystem, but how do we know what they are if we have never seen one before? One of the ways we can identify species is by using an **ID key**.

**Instructions**

1. Print both sheets, then allow the pupils to cut out the animal pictures on the second sheet - these will be stuck onto the ID key.

2. Select a picture of an animal from the second sheet, then begin at the first question on the ID key.

3. Considering the animal, pupils will work their way through the questions following the arrows which match their answer, and see if they can put all the animal pictures in their boxes.

4. Check their answers against the answer sheet once they have finished.

**Follow on exercise:** can the pupils create their own ID key using leaves found on the school grounds, or their favourite cartoon characters etc?
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**Instructions**

1. Cut out each animal below. Select a picture of an animal from the second sheet, then begin at the first question on the ID key.
2. Work your way through the questions following the arrows which match your answer, and see if they can put all the animal pictures in their boxes.
3. See if you can put all the animal pictures in their boxes.
4. Check your answers!