

Compare and Classify

Outcome:

2-1-12: Describe and classify a wide range of animals according to various characteristics and behaviours. *Examples: skin covering, where they live, food they eat, how they move, day or night activity.*

2-1-13: Describe and compare way in which different animals care for their offspring. *Examples: Canada geese, alligators, bears, bees.*

Materials:

- writing utensil
- chart paper
- scissors and glue (optional)

Teacher's Instructions:

Activity A

- 1) Use two pieces of chart paper to create two charts: the first with the heading "Fish", the second with the heading "Cats and Dogs". Ask students to suggest characteristics/behaviours of fish for you to write on one chart and to suggest characteristics/behaviours of dogs and cats on the other chart.
- 2) As a class, identify and circle the characteristics/behaviours that are common to fish and dogs and cats (i.e. circle the similar items on the two pieces of chart paper).

Activity B

- 1) Hand out page 2 to each student. Ask students to write the characteristics/behaviours of fish in the first circle of the Venn diagram, the common characteristics/behaviours in the middle, and the characteristics/behaviours of dogs and cats in the second circle. Students may also draw pictures or use the cutouts on page 5. You may use the answer key on page 4 as an example.

Activity C

- 1) Ask each student to select his or her favourite animal and use page 3 to create a Venn diagram of the characteristics/behaviours of this animal compared to the characteristics of fish. Students may draw these or use the cutouts provided on page 5.
- 2) Collect their Venn diagrams for assessment purposes.

Adaptations/Modifications:

Students can use hoola hoops to create their Venn diagrams. They may draw their own pictures of characteristics and behaviours and place them inside the hoola hoops. Students may work individually or in pairs. Have them present their "diagrams" to the rest of the class.

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Worksheet

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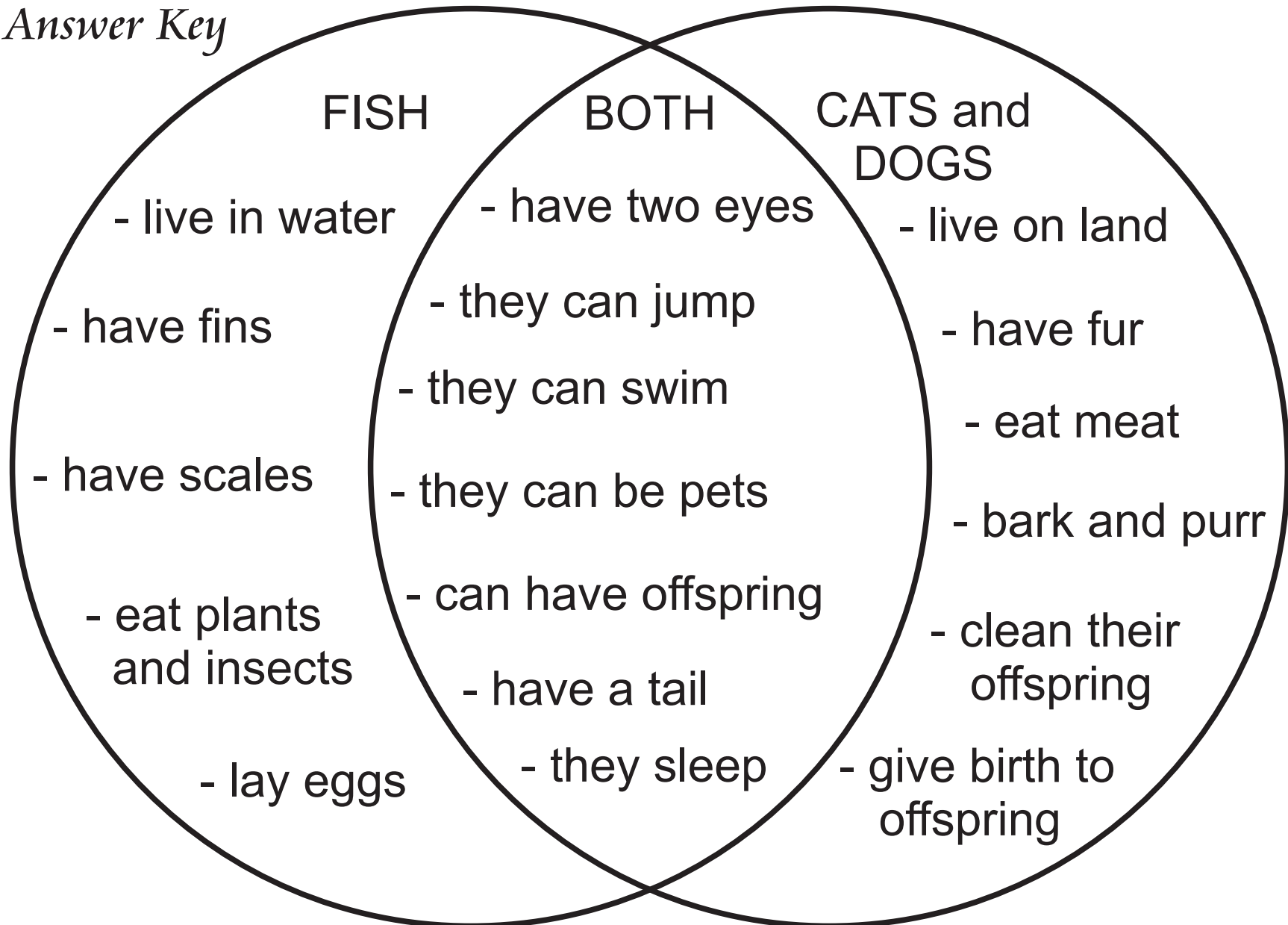
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Answer Key



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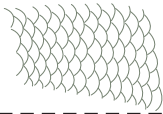
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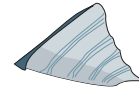
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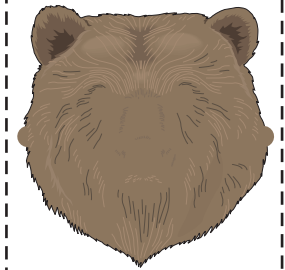
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