

THE ANIMAL KINGDOM

The animal kingdom can be divided into 2 groups

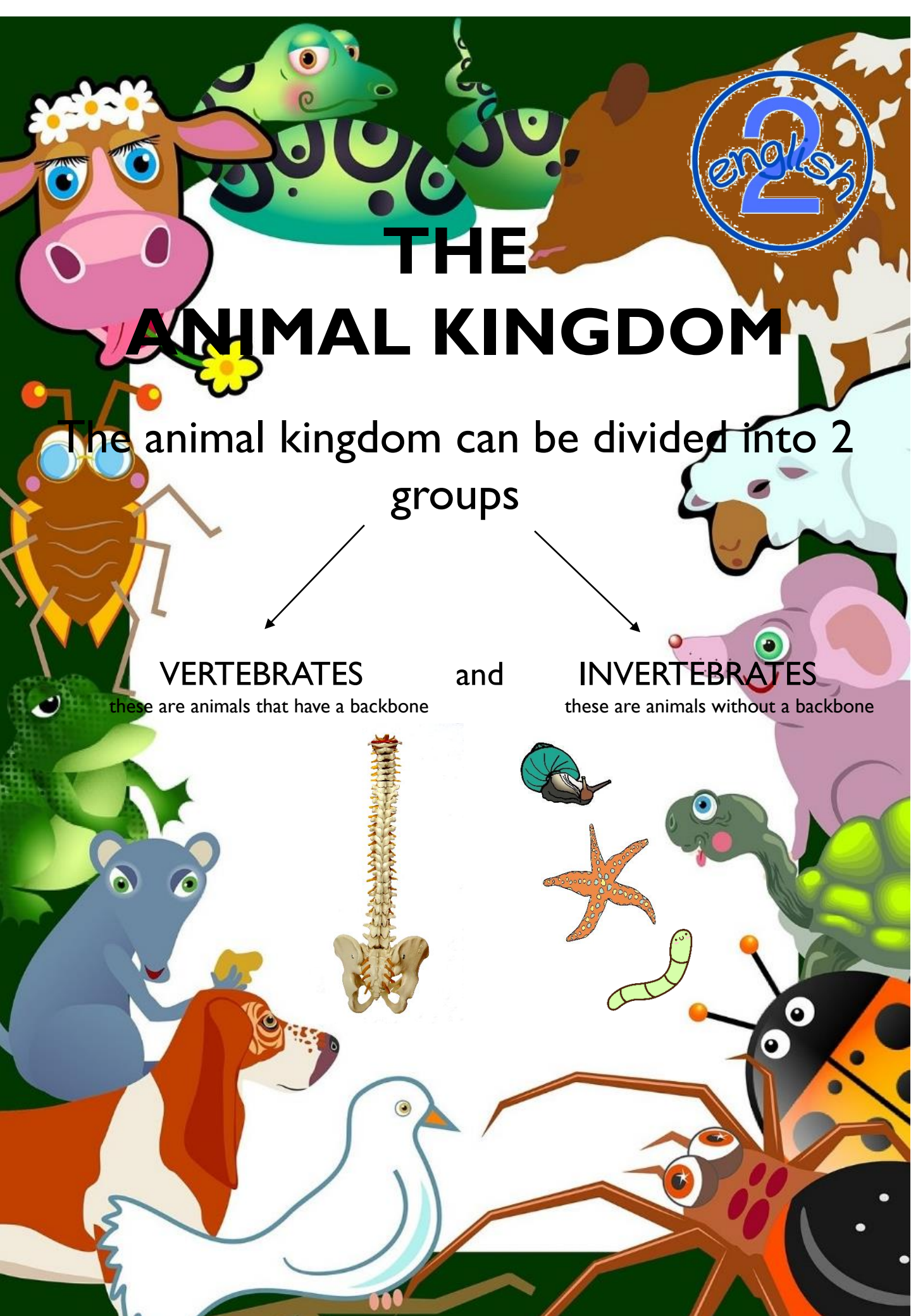
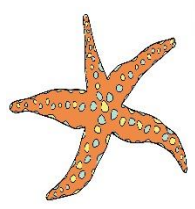
VERTEBRATES

these are animals that have a backbone

and

INVERTEBRATES

these are animals without a backbone





VERTEBRATES are
divided into 5 groups:

MAMMALS

REPTILES

AMPHIBIANS

BIRDS

FISH

Let's look at each.....



MAMMALS

- They have warm blood
- They have fur or hair
- They give birth and don't lay eggs
- The mothers feed their young with milk
- They need air to breathe

Can you name some animals that have these characteristics?



REPTILES

- They are cold-blooded
- They have scales
- They lay eggs
- They can live near water

Name some reptiles you know.....

Do you like them or are you scared of them?



AMPHIBIANS

- They live on land and in water
(*amphibios* is a Greek word that means 'living a double life')
- They are cold blooded animals
- They lay eggs
- They have gills to breathe under the water and lungs to breathe on land, they also breathe through their skin.
- They don't have scales

Reptiles and amphibians are very similar aren't they?

Can you name some?

BIRDS

- They are warm blooded
- They lay eggs
- They have feathers and wings

Do you know what is the smallest and the biggest bird in the world?



The bee hummingbird is between 5 and 6 cm long



The African ostrich is 2 metres 74 cm tall.
How tall are you?



FISH

- They are cold blooded
- They live under water
- They have gills to help them breathe
- They lay eggs
- Most fish have scales

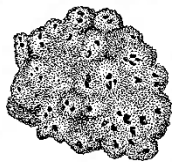
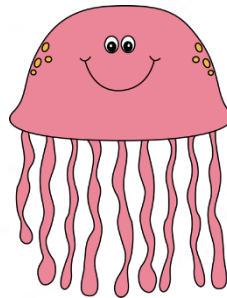
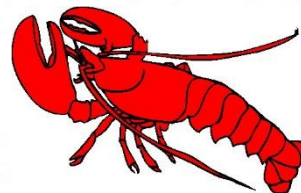
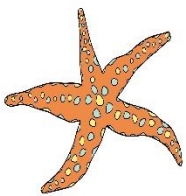
Do you know the names of the different watery places fish can live in?

INVERTEBRATES

Invertebrates don't have backbones so they have hard outer coverings called **EXOSKELETONS** that protect and support the body, other invertebrates have a soft body.

Here are some examples, can you name them?

Match them to their names



LOBSTER- SNAIL- BEETLE- OCTOPUS-
SPONGE-WORM-STARFISH-SPIDER-BEE