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Animals which are non-domesticated and cannot be disciplined by the human beings are known as 'wild animals'. These wild animals are not only restricted to forests but you can also find them in all kinds of habitats in the nature. Wild animals are naturally ferocious, unpredictable and can be dangerous. A typical scientific definition of wild animals can be given as those animals which possess wild nature or disposition and thus, require training and taming by expert training skills, industry or education or else, must be kept in confinement. This definition gives the natural characteristics of the wild animals.

Because of the incredible diversity existing among the wild animals, it is very difficult and complicated to remember their distinguishing characteristics. This is the reason why these animals are classified under various categories and classes and also named under a special branch of taxonomy. Let us see this categorization in detail in the following paragraphs.

On the basis of their similar and differentiating characteristics all the wild animals are grouped in to the following categories. The animals exhibiting similar characteristics are classified under one single category whereas those animals that are completely different from one another are grouped under two different classes namely the vertebrate and the invertebrate animals. Vertebrate animals have a vertebral column and are further sub-categorized as amphibians, reptiles, fish, birds and mammals.

On the other hand, invertebrates are those animals that do not possess the vertebral column. The animals included in this category are worms, leeches, mollusks, arthropods, crustaceans, sponges, etc. All the animals belonging to one same class exhibit similar salient features. but, there are some differences too. Hence, it is essential to categorize them into further sub classes, families, sub-families, genus and species. This particular process that classifies the individuals is called scientific classification that helps remember names and properties of that living creature. This kind of classification is applied to each and every living being on the earth including all types of plants, animals as well as micro organisms and many more.

Animals like the frogs, newts, toads, salamanders, etc. are included under the title amphibians. Animals like the lizard, snake, turtle, crocodile, alligator, gavial, caiman, etc. are included under the title reptiles. In addition to these animals, the fish are also classified into the category of animals and they include fish like the sharks, rays, chimaeras, etc. You will also have large varieties of birds existing in the natural habitats such as rain forests, jungles etc. Mammals include tiger, lion, languor, deer, bison, bear, leopard, wild dog, and the fish whale and many more.

Habitat is the terminology which is used for the place where the living beings can survive easily according to their convenience. On the extraordinary mosaic of land, water, weather and live forms on the earth, no two places are identical and thus, vary in all their features. Because of such great varieties in the environmental conditions it is very difficult to find suitable places for existence, but, with good care, awareness and sense of responsibility towards each and every living being on the earth, it is possible to make the world a better place to live in for each one of us. However, there are certain generalized habitat patterns which tend to flourish a rich wildlife within them.

There are some protected zones for the wildlife and its components. They include national parks and sanctuaries. In sanctuaries and national parks, the natural habitats of the plants and animals are sustained; while it is not the condition in case of zoos. Zoos provide them with the artificial environment that they require for survival.



1. The process that classifies all the living beings on the earth and helps in memorizing the names and properties of all of them is termed as what?
 - a. Scientific classification
 - b. Modern classification
 - c. Classification theory
 - d. Human Classification
 - e. None of the above

 2. The fish whale is categorized into which of the following category?
 - a. Reptiles
 - b. Amphibians
 - c. Mammals
 - d. Fishes
 - e. All of the above

 3. The animals which possess the vertebral column are grouped under which category?
 - a. Reptiles
 - b. Mammals
 - c. Birds
 - d. Vertebrae
 - e. None of the above

 4. The animals which are non-domesticated and cannot be disciplined by the human beings are known as?
 - a. Wild animals
 - b. Animals
 - c. Jungle animals
 - d. Mammals
 - e. None of the above

 5. Select a suitable title for the above passage from the following list of options.
 - a. Classification of animals
 - b. Classification of humans
 - c. Classification theory
 - d. Scientific classification
 - e. All of the above
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