Classifying Bugs

There are MILLIONS of varieties of insects.



How can we keep track of so many kinds and tell them all apart?

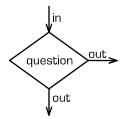
Scientists tell living things apart by classifying them.
What is classifying? It's easier to show you than tell you.

What You Need: Your model bugs and the game on the back of this sheet.

What To Do:

Pick up one bug at a time and send it through the chart. Follow the line until you come to a diamond.

Then follow the line that answers the question in the diamond. Write the bug's name in the box it ends up in.



AMAZING COLEOPTERA FACTOID!

COLEOPTERA MEANS BEETLES.











BEETLES ARE JUST ONE ORDER OF INSECT. LADYBUGS ARE BEETLES. SO ARE FIREFLIES.

If you had JUST ONE of every known type of beetle, and dumped them all on your living room floor, you would cover your floor with a CARPET OF BEETLES several inches thick. And remember, no two of these beetles would be the same kind. Picture 11!







Classification Game







