

Name: _____

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Dichotomous Key

worksheet

Answer the questions below by looking at the characteristics in the table!

1	animal	go to 2
	not an animal	go to 11
2	has wings	go to 3
	no wings	go to 6
3	has feathers	go to 4
	no feathers	<i>Ochloerotatus taeniorhynchus</i>
4	flies high	go to 5
	does not fly high	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>
5	often yellow	<i>Serinus canaria</i>
	not yellow	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
6	lives in water	go to 9
	lives on land	go to 7
7	has fluffy fur	go to 8
	no fluffy fur	<i>Bos taurus</i>
8	common pet	<i>Canis familiaris</i>
	not a common pet	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>
9	has fins	go to 10
	no fins	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>
10	razor sharp teeth	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>
	pegged, pointy teeth	<i>Tursiops truncates</i>
11	green	go to 12
	not green	go to 13
12	grows tall	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>
	does not grow tall	<i>Rhus toxicodendron</i>
13	can be poisonous	<i>Boletus edulis</i>
	not poisonous	<i>Rosa sylvestris</i>

1. Which organisms would you like to sing with? _____
2. Which organisms would you like to eat? _____
3. Which organisms would you like to play with? _____
4. Which organisms would you stay away from? _____
5. Which organisms have a pleasant odor? _____
6. Which organisms have an unpleasant odor? _____