

# Scientific Names for Animals

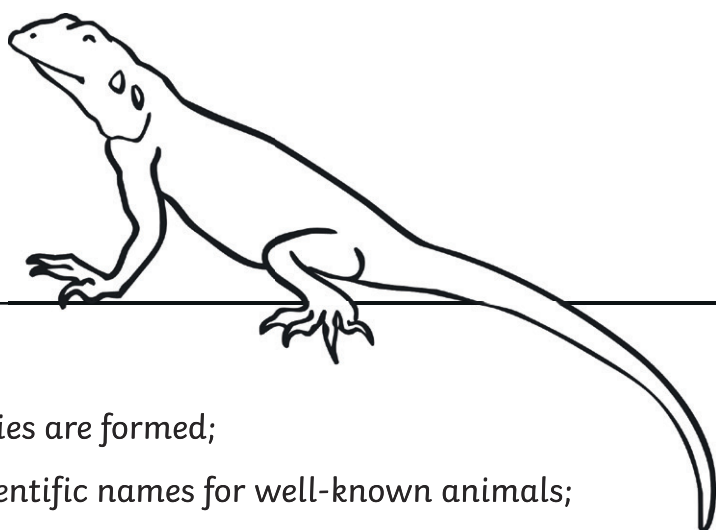
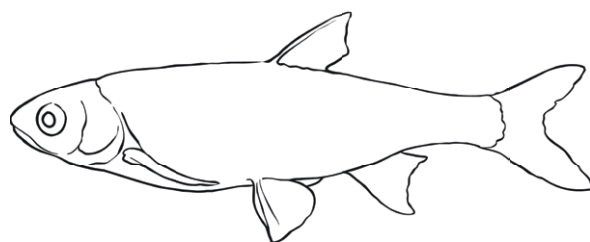
## Amazing Fact

The 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama, has a dinosaur, a fish and a type of lichen named after him. The dinosaur, Obamadon, is thought to have measured just 30cm in length.

Alongside their common name, all animals and plants also have another name. This is called their scientific name. This name enables scientists to order, organise, compare and study living organisms without confusion.

## Challenge

Use the Internet or non-fiction books to research the scientific name for each of the animals on the next page. Draw a line to match up each animal's common name to its scientific name. Pay careful attention to the animals that are from the same species.



You could also try to find out:

- how scientific names for animal species are formed;
- if you can remember or learn any scientific names for well-known animals;
- which other famous people have had animals named after them;
- the best way to try to get a species named after you.

# Scientific Names for Animals

*Canis lupus familiaris*

*Felis domesticus*

*Apodemus sylvaticus*

Gliridae

Talpidae

*Ursus maritimus*

*Odocoileus virginianus*

*Axis axis*

*Ophiophagus hannah*

*Crotalus cerastes*

*Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos*

*Carcharodon carcharias*

*Ursus arctos*

mouse

domestic dog

mole

white-tailed deer

domestic cat

king cobra snake

great white shark

dormouse

polar bear

chital deer

brown bear

grey reef shark

sidewinder (horned)  
rattlesnake

# Scientific Names for Animals **Answers**

Canis lupus familiaris	<b>domestic dog</b>
Felis domesticus	<b>domestic cat</b>
Apodemus sylvaticus	<b>mouse</b>
Gliridae	<b>dormouse</b>
Talpidae	<b>mole</b>
Ursus maritimus	<b>polar bear</b>
Odocoileus virginianus	<b>white-tailed deer</b>
Axis axis	<b>chital deer</b>
Ophiophagus hannah	<b>king cobra snake</b>
Crotalus cerastes	<b>sidewinder (horned) rattlesnake</b>
Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos	<b>grey reef shark</b>
Carcharodon carcharias	<b>great white shark</b>
Ursus arctos	<b>brown bear</b>