UNIT 2: MICROBIOLOGY

Diversity of Living Things



Taxonomy

Definition:

 Taxonomy is the science of classifying organisms (both living & extinct).

Taxonomic System

- developed by Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778) in Latin
- based his classification on structural and physical features
- the more features organisms have in common, the closer their relationship

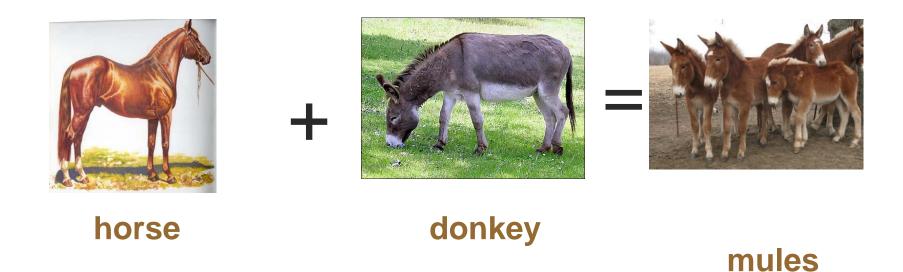
Binomial Nomenclature (common worldwide language)

- The Scientific Name: two terms:
- first part of name called the genus
- first letter is always capitalized
- this part can be written alone (e.x. Acer meaning all maple trees, Ursus = all bears)
- <u>second part</u> of name called the **species**
- is not capitalized (lowercase)
- is never written alone (e.x. Acer rubrum, referring to a red maple, Ursus americanus = North American Black Bears)

note: both parts of the scientific name are italicized

Species

SPECIES: a group of organisms with similar features that can interbreed and produce fertile offspring



Binomial Nomenclature

Examples

Genus	Species	Abbreviated	
1. Homo	sapiens -	→ H. sapiens	
2. Castor	canadensis -	> C. canadensis	
3. Escherichia	coli –	→ E. coli	



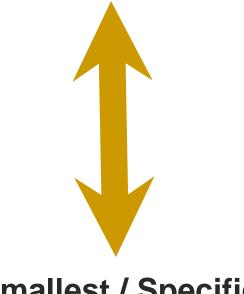


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7 Levels of Classification

- Kingdom
- Phylum
- Class
- Order
- Family
- Genus
- Species

Largest / General



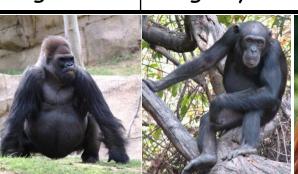
Smallest / Specific

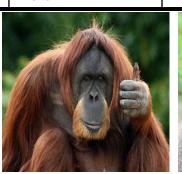
Taxonomic Classifications

	Man	Gorilla	Chimpanzee	Orangutan	Baboon
Kingdom	Animalia	Animalia	Animalia	Animalia	Animalia
Phyllum	Chordata	Chordata	Chordata	Chordata	Chordata
Class	Mammalia	Mammalia	Mammalia	Mammalia	Mammalia
Order	Primates	Primates	Primates	Primates	Primates
Family	Hominidae	Hominidae	Hominidae	Hominidae	Hominidae
Subfamily	Homininae	Homininae	Homininae	Ponginae	Cercopithecidae
Genus	Homo	Gorilla	Pan	Pongo	Papio
Species	sapiens	gorilla	troglodytes	pygmaeus	ursinus

Gorillas & Chimps have 98% same DNA as us











Dichotomous Key

- two-part key used to identify living things
- a series of choices must be made
- each choice leads to a new branch of the key
- end result is the name of the organism being identified

DICHOTOMOUS KEY

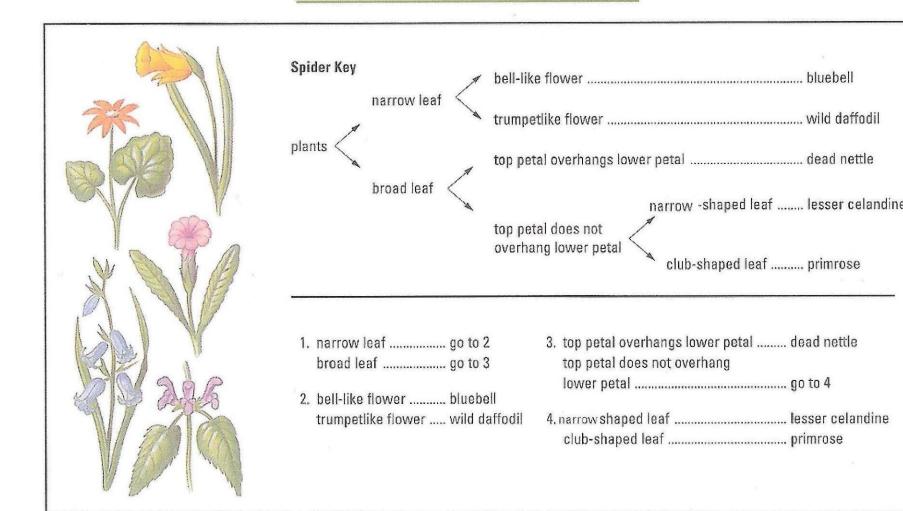
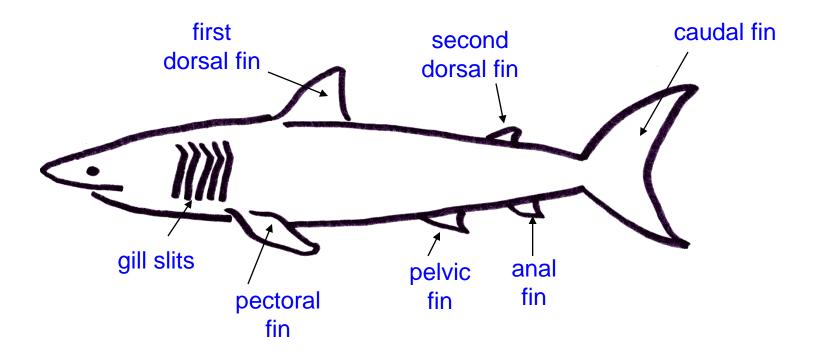


Figure 3Sample dichotomous keys. The top key is sometimes called a spider key because of its shape.

SHARK ANATOMY

Dorsal side



Ventral side

