

1.69 Using 'are'

Topic: Animals

Subtopic: Describing animals

Activity type/skill: Classifying

Literacy focus: Writing

Genre: Information reports

Objective

- Write sentences classifying animals.

What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)

What to do

1. Remind students that we use the verbs 'is' and 'are' to link information in classifications.
2. Look at the examples at the top of the student worksheet and how the verb 'are' links the name of the animal with its class.
3. Have students write the classifications for each animal. Remind them that kiwi and tarakihi are Māori words so do not take a plural 's'.

Extending the activity

- Write classifications of other animals.

Activity sixty-nine



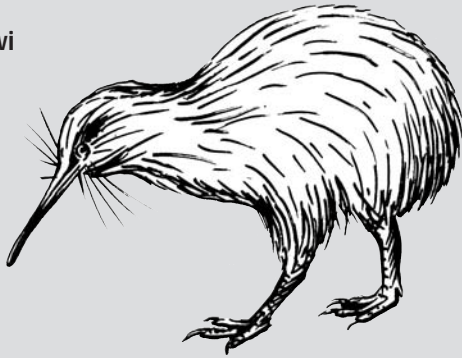
What are they?

Snails are molluscs.

Weta are insects.

Birds

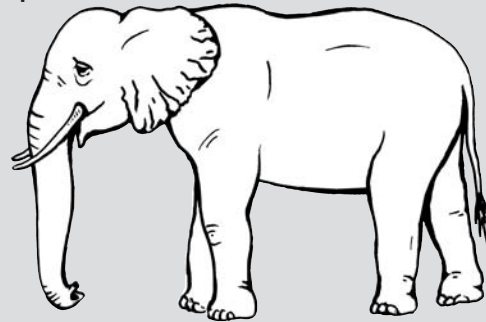
kiwi



Kiwi are birds.

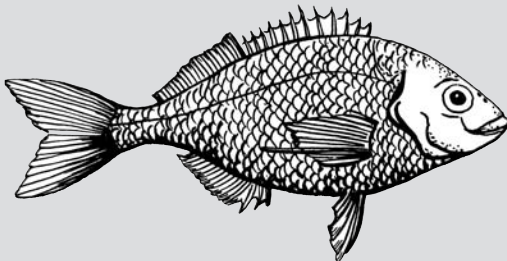
Mammals

elephant



Fish

tarakihi



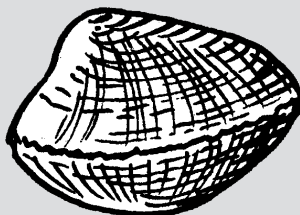
Amphibians

frog



Shellfish

clam



Reptiles

turtle

