

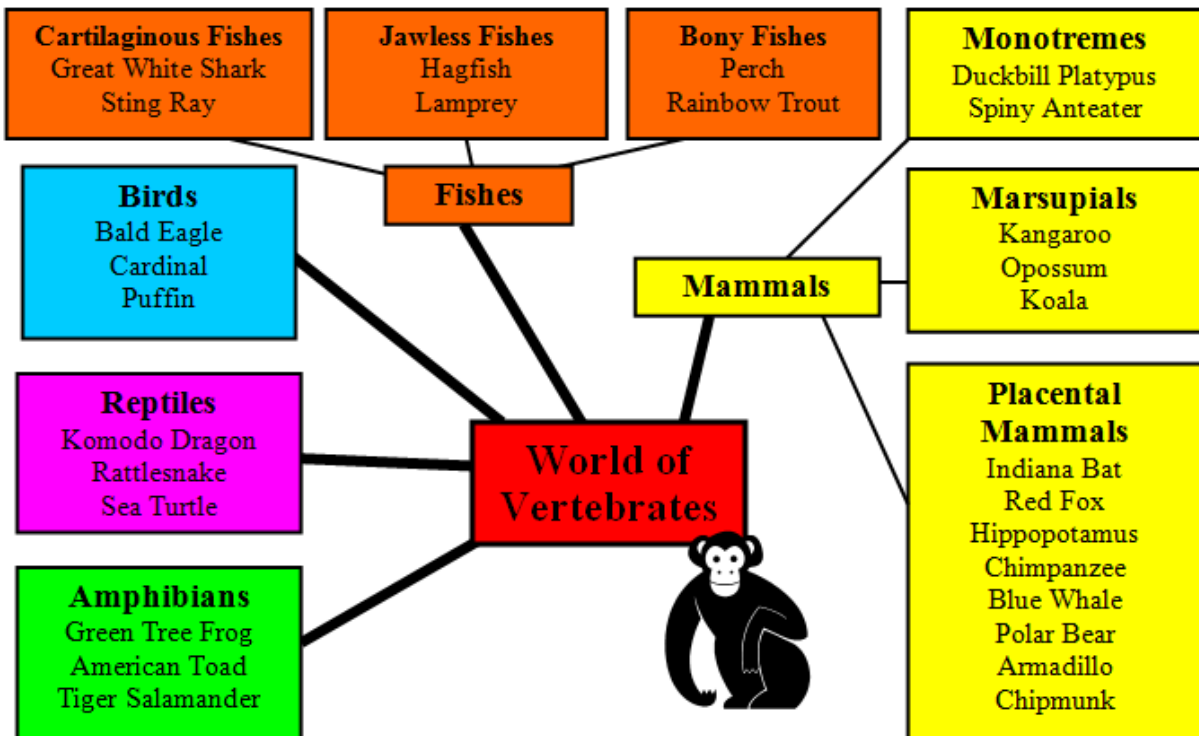
Vertebrate Classification Challenge

I designed this activity to allow students to practice vertebrate classification using the organisms discussed in our textbook from Prentice Hall called the *Parade of Life: Animals*.

I printed the pages for the classification mats on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, taped the two pages together, and laminated them. I also made several copies of the organism cards, which were printed on card stock and stored in Ziploc bags.

For the activity, students work in teams to classify the organisms and then compare their answers to the key shown below. I also provide a worksheet for students to fill in and staple to their note packet so they can study outside of class. I also give them a quiz to determine which ones they know and which ones they don't.

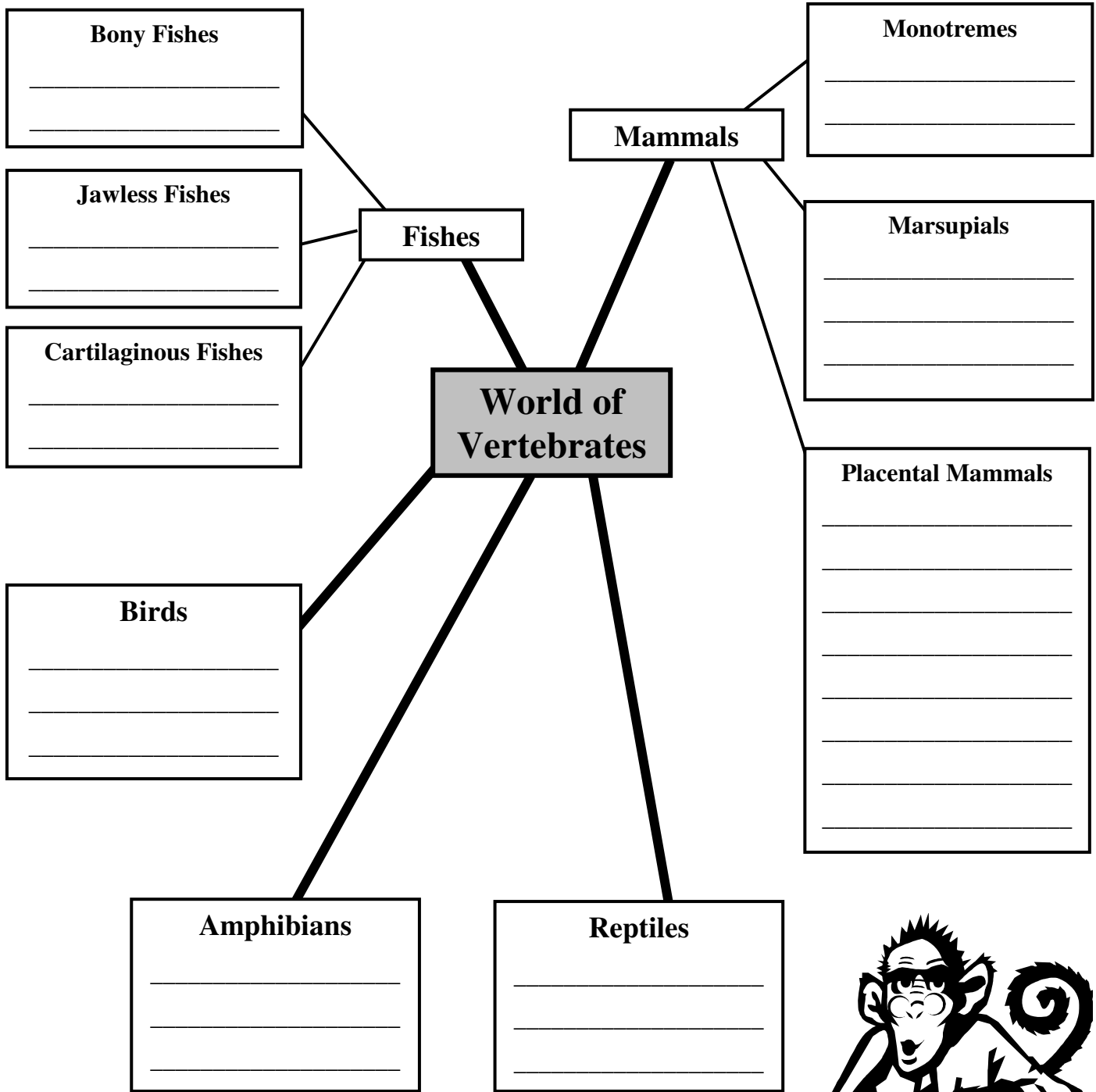
Challenge: I also challenge the students to time their efforts to see which team can complete it in the fastest time. Many of my students are able to correctly classify all the organisms in 30 seconds or less. Teams must have another student time them. The timer is responsible for shuffling the cards and placing them in one pile at the start of a round.



Classy Vertebrates

Name _____

Classify the animals from the Classy Vertebrate activity into their correct classification group.



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ANSWER KEY

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