Key vocabulary	
classification	Grouping things based on their
	characteristics so that they can
	be identified.
classification	A series of yes/no questions
key	that help identify or classify
	things.
environment	The conditions in which a living
	thing exists. Soil, climate and
	other living things all count as
	part of the environment.
habitat	The place where an animal or
	plant lives.
migrate	The long-distance movement of
	animals, usually due to a
	change in the seasons.
hibernate	An animal or plant that spends
	the winter in a dormant state.
vertebrates	Animals that have a backbone.
	Fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds
	and mammals.
invertebrates	Animals that do not have a
	backbone. Examples are snails,
	worms, spiders and insects.

How can environments change?	
Natural changes	This could be caused by
	flooding, fire, earthquakes etc
Human have an impact on the environment:	

Positive impact This could be:

• setting up a nature reserve

- tree planting
- creating a garden pond.

Negative impact This could be:

- littering
- deforestation
- air pollution
- plastics in the oceans

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Environments can change with the seasons:



Arctic tern migrates from the Arctic to Antarctica.

winter in small, dry, sheltered places,



Classification keys

A key to sort leaves







