

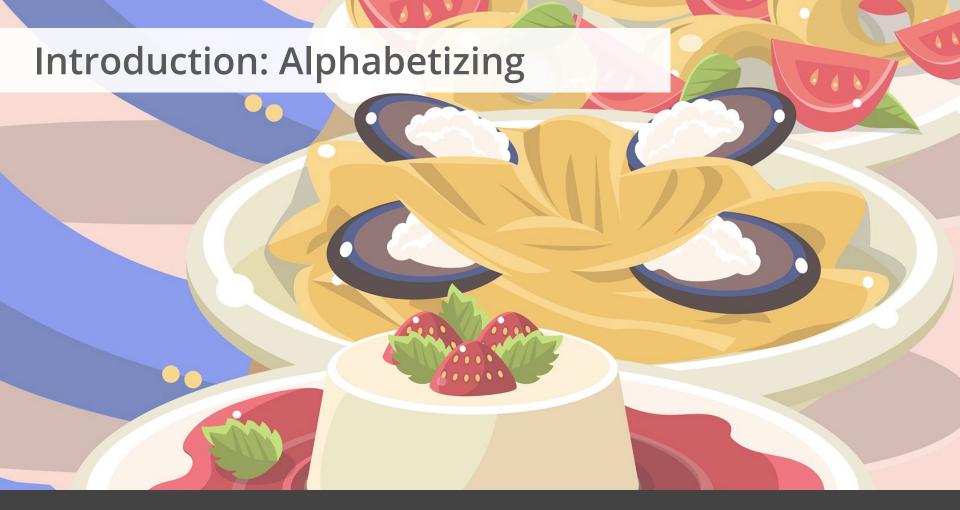
Vocabulary

Grade 3 Unit 2: Scales, Feathers, and Fur: Animal Classification





Alphabetizing



Alphabetizing Introduction

To alphabetize words, put them in order based on the alphabet. When we alphabetize something, we say it is in alphabetical order.

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Let's alphabetize these words using the first letter:

nectar and predator

N comes before **p** in the alphabet, so **nectar** comes before **predator** when we put these words in alphabetical order.

nectar

predator

When we alphabetize words that start with the same first letter, we alphabetize them using the second letter:

aquatic and adapt

The second letter of **aquatic** is **q**.

The second letter of **adapt** is **d**.

Let's look at the alphabet to see which letter appears first.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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D comes before **Q** in the alphabet, so **adapt** comes before **aquatic** when we alphabetize these words to the second letter:

adapt aquatic



Look at these words from our domain on animal classification:

herbivore

habitat

To alphabetize them, remember to look at the second letter in the word. Turn to a partner and whisper the word that comes first when we alphabetize.

Hold up one finger if you think **habitat** is the first word.

Hold up five fingers if you think **herbivore** is the first word.

Since **a** appears before **e** in the alphabet, we would put the word **habitat** before the word **herbivore**.

habitat

herbivore

Now they're in alphabetical order!

Now you try one with a partner. Which word would come first alphabetically?

huddle

habitat

Raise one finger if you think **huddle** comes first alphabetically.

Raise five fingers if you think **habitat** comes first alphabetically.

Did you remember the steps?

1. Find the second letter of each word.

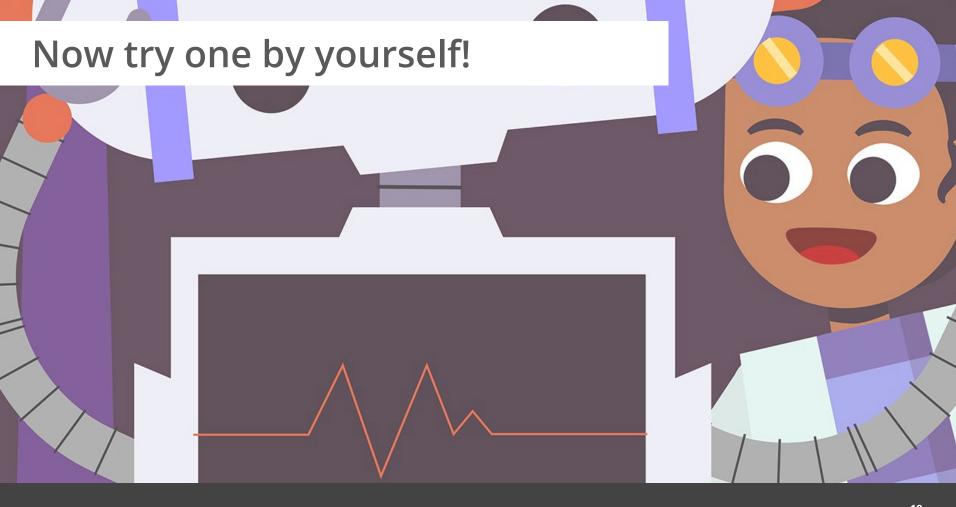
huddle habitat

2. Decide which letter appears first on the alphabet chart.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRST**U**VWXYZ

3. Put the words in alphabetical order.

habitat huddle



Which word comes first alphabetically?

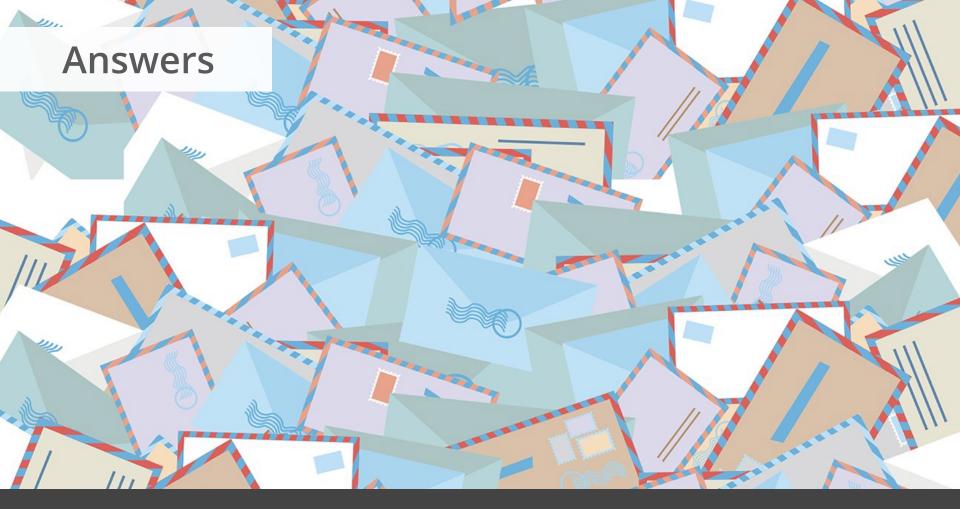
primate plumage

Write the words in alphabetical order.

Let's try with three words. Put these words in alphabetical order:

characteristic classify carnivore

Write the words in alphabetical order.



plumage primate

carnivore characteristic classify