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Characteristics of Vertebrate Groups

	Birds	Fish	Mammals	Reptiles	Amphibians
Covering What type of body covering do animals in this group have? (ex: scales)					
Blood Are animals in this group warm-blooded or cold-blooded?					
Breathing Do the animals in this group breathe through their lungs?					
Birth Do the young develop from an egg or a live birth?					
Milk Do the young drink milk from their mother?					
Backbone Do animals in this group have a skeleton with a backbone?					
Examples List some animals in this group.					



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ANSWER KEY

Characteristics of Vertebrate Groups

	Birds	Fish	Mammals	Reptiles	Amphibians
Covering What type of body covering does this group have? (ex: scales)	feathers	scales	hair or fur	scales	smooth skin
Blood Are animals in this group warm-blooded or cold-blooded?					cold-blooded (poikilotherms)
Breathing Do animals in this group breathe through lungs or gills?					gills (water)
Birth Do animals in this group lay eggs or give birth to live young?					eggs
Milk Do animals in this group drink milk from their mothers?					do not drink milk
Backbone Do animals in this group have a backbone?					yes
	backbone	backbone	backbone	backbone	backbone
Examples List some animals in this group.	robin, penguin, ostrich, eagle	shark, bass, clown fish, goldfish	horse, human, whale, mouse	turtle, lizard, snake, tortoise	frog, toad, salamander

