The scientific word for grouping living things is ‘classification’. Classify the living things on the coral reef by putting them in six different groups. Write the names in the boxes below.

Questions
Now see if you can answer these questions in your group:

1. Why did you choose to classify the living things in this way?

2. Can you think of all the different ways to classify different living things?

3. A useful way of classifying living things is by asking key questions. For example, in pairs, decide which of the living things on the coral reef has a backbone.

4. Now decide which of the living things on the coral reef can swim.
Coral Life Photo Sheet

Mantis shrimp

Sea slug

Seagrass

Crown-of-thorns starfish

Staghorn coral

Clownfish

Phytoplankton

Parrotfish

Tiger shark

Dolphin

Triton's trumpet

Manta ray

Boulder coral

Noddy

Green turtle