



Create Your Own Identification Key

Using the format of the key for clothes create a key to separate the following animals.

Dog	Earthworm
Bird	Fish
Starfish	Insect
Spider	Octopus

Create your key by answering an either/or statement like:

1(a) Animal doesn't have legs	Go to	2
or		
1(b) Animal has legs (or arms)	Go to	3

Make a list of things that the animals have in common and things that are different. Use these things in your key to separate the animals from each other.

Example of things that could be included are: Does it have legs? How many legs? Does it live in the water? Does it have hair? Feathers?

For example only one animal on the list has feathers.