

What's New?

For items 1-4, fill in the circle by the correct answer. Write your answer to item 5.

1. About how many of Earth's plant and animal species have scientists identified?
☐ (A) all of them
☐ (B) most of them
☐ (C) about half of them
☐ (D) about one-fifth of them
2. What does the discovery of the "flying fox" bat show?
☐ (A) Some "unknown species" are actually familiar to people.
☐ (B) Foxes can really fly.
☐ (C) Old village stories are usually make-believe.
☐ (D) New species are really well hidden.
3. When scientists classify a new animal, they:
☐ (A) sort it into groups
☐ (B) give it a name
☐ (C) describe it
☐ (D) all of the above
4. What most helps scientists prove that an animal belongs to certain species—or doesn't?
☐ (A) its size
☐ (B) its habitat
☐ (C) its color
☐ (D) its DNA
5. Imagine that you have discovered what you think is a new species. What steps would you take to identify it as a new species. Use information from "What's New?" to help you.
