

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.
