

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 Mindoro stripe-faced fruit bat show?
 - (A) Some "unknown species" are actually familiar to people.
 - (B) Foxes can really fly.
 - (C) Old village stories are usually far-fetched.
 - (D) New species are really well hidden.
3. What does an animal's scientific name tell you?
 - (A) what it looks like
 - (B) how it fits into its ecosystem
 - (C) which animal group it is a part of
 - (D) where on Earth it is found
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.
