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CLASSIFICATION ACTIVITY:

Understanding and Using the Taxonomic Ranking System

Taxonomy: system of nomenclature (naming)

Go to: The University of Michigan Museum of Zoology Animal Diversity Web
<http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/>

PART A: Using this website, fill in the taxonomic ranks for each of the animals listed below. Also write down where it lives (its distribution). Make sure you click on the camera icon next to the scientific name so that you can see what it looks like. (Some animals don't have an image, and therefore there is no camera icon.)

Common Name >	striped-necked mongoose	Indian mongoose	meerkat	pygmy spotted skunk
Taxonomic Rank v				
KINGDOM				
PHYLUM				
CLASS				
ORDER				
FAMILY				
GENUS				
SPECIES				
SCIENTIFIC NAME				
DISTRIBUTION				

Part B: Now do the same for 4 animals of your own choosing. The requirements are that TWO be of the same genus, THREE be of the same family, and FOUR be of the same order. Again, look at as many photographs of these creatures as you can!

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