

## Diversity of Species Classification of Species

### Pre-listening:

1. How many species become extinct each day, every year? Have a guess.
2. Make a definition of a species.
3. What is the taxonomy of living organisms? List the basic categories.

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### Listening:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/science/homeplanet\\_20030715.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/science/homeplanet_20030715.shtml) (time 9.16)

1. How many species become extinct each day, every year?
2. Complete Philip's definition of a species.

**a group of similar ..... that look quite alike, that can usually .....  
among themselves and .....fertile .....**

3. Complete the taxonomic groups you hear.

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4. Ben is speaking about two types of taxonomists. Can you characterize them?

**splitters**

**lumpers**