



## Learning objective:

**To observe the features of a variety of animals.**

### You will need:

- Paper or your River Journal
- A pencil or marker pen to draw with
- A partner (if possible)

## Instructions:

**1**

Choose one of the river animals from the list. Find out exactly what it looks like by going to this website: [www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer) and typing the name of the animal in the box OR search for images online.

**2**

Take it in turns to draw the animal - **ONE BODY PART AT A TIME!** For example, look at the shape of the body and sketch it. Then pass the sketch to your partner to draw the next body part. They might choose to add: head, tail, gills, fins, legs, eyes, ears, feet, whiskers, beak, wings.

**TIP: If you don't have a partner, you can complete this on your own, still sketching ONE BODY PART at a time!**

**3**

Keep passing the sketch between you and your partner drawing one body part at a time until the sketch is complete. Label each body part.

**4**

Write the name of the animal on the sketch. Repeat with another animal. Continue until you have one sketch of each type of animal: bird, mammal, insect and fish.

## Animals:



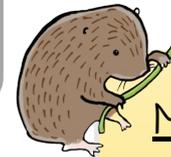
### Birds

- Kingfisher
- Grey Heron



### Insects

- Dragonfly
- Damselfly



### Mammals

- Otter (European)
- Water Vole

### Fish

- Eel (European)
- Roach



**EXTRA: Photograph one of your sketches and ask an adult to post it on our [Facebook group](#).**

## Support

Use the Body Part Guide on the next page to help you choose what body parts to draw for each animal.

## Challenge

Don't just use online images to help you with your sketch. Research the animal's appearance by reading websites and watching videos.



# Body Part Guide

Use this body part guide to help you think of all the parts you could include for each animal.

## Birds

Kingfisher or Grey Heron

- Body
- Wings
- Legs
- Feet
- Head
- Beak
- Eyes
- Tail

## Insects

Damselfly or Dragonfly

- Top body part (thorax)
- Bottom body part (abdomen)
- Head
- Legs
- Wings
- Eyes

## Fish

Roach or Eel

- Body
- Fins
- Gills
- Tail
- Eyes
- Mouth

## Mammals

Otter or Water Vole

- Body
- Head
- Ears
- Eyes
- Nose
- Mouth
- Tail
- Feet