



Comparing Gestation Periods

Use the Classification of Animal Types Poster to help you with your task.
You will be comparing humans (who are mammals) to other types of animals who are vertebrates.
Use the Animal Gestation Periods Table to order the following animals:
Human, frog, goldfish, snake, whale, parrot, salmon, lizard.

Shortest
Gestation
Period

Longest
Gestation
Period

Do you think the length of gestation is linked to the type of animal? _____

“Animals with legs have a longer gestation period than animals who don’t.”
Is this statement correct? Give reasons for your answer.



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Prediction:

Predict the length of time of gestation for the following animals. Order the animals on the line from the shortest gestation period to the longest. Under the name of the animal write the type of animal they are (i.e. mammal, fish).

Animals:

Human, frog, goldfish, snake, whale, parrot, salmon, lizard.

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Now use the Animal Gestation Periods Table to order them.

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Were your predictions correct? _____

“Animals who live in the water have shorter gestation periods than animals who live on land.”

Is this statement correct? Give reasons for your answer.



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You will be comparing vertebrates and invertebrates.

Prediction:

Predict the length of time of gestation for the following animals. Order the animals on the line from the shortest gestation period to the longest. Under the name of the animal write the type of animal they are (i.e. mammal, crustacean).

Animals:

Human, protozoa, frog, worm, goldfish, salmon, ladybird, lizard, starfish, snail, jellyfish, snake, parrot, spider, lobster, whale, flatworm, centipede.

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