

Refrigerator Taxonomy

Taxonomy arranges a big pile of stuff into smaller piles according to how the pieces are alike. Biologists have classified living organisms into a “hierarchical system” so that each group has two names. This is called **binomial classification**.

This week, practice binomial classification on stuff in your house. Below is a list of “kingdoms” for you to choose from. After you’ve chosen a “kingdom”, list pieces of it. Then, “name” **each group with two words** which describe the members. Put each item into one of the smaller groups.

Maybe that explanation was confusing. Study my example, below, to see how to proceed.

In Kingdom Garage, I find these things:

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| 1. Car | 11. Carpet shampooer |
| 2. Bikes | 12. brooms |
| 3. Paint cans | 13. Shovels |
| 4. Paint brushes | 14. Grass clippers |
| 5. Ping pong table | 15. Buckets |
| 6. Ping-pong paddles | 16. Bins |
| 7. Christmas decorations | 17. Bags |
| 8. Bookcases | 18. Deck Carpet |
| 9. Books | 19. Exercise bike |
| 10. Deck furniture cushions | 20. Ping pong balls |

Kingdom Garage			
Sporty Shapers	Tool Thingys	Domestic Stuff	Holding containers
Tennis rackets	Grass clippers	Christmas decorations	bins
Ping-pong balls	Broom	Deck furniture cushions	Bags
Ping-pong table	Shovel	Deck carpet	buckets
Ping-pong paddles	Paint brushes	Car	Paint cans
Exercise bike	Carpet shampooer	Books	bookcases

Your Turn! Choose from these pretend Household Kingdoms. Classify the items in it, just like I did, above.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingdom Refrigerator • Kingdom Dresser • Kingdom Desk | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingdom Bedroom • Kingdom Basement • Kingdom Any Closet |
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