All species have two official names, a scientific name and a common name. The Latin or Greek scientific name may sound fancy, but it tells part of an animal’s story.

Find the scientific and common name for the following animal. Have a grown-up help you. Hint: there may be a few varieties of this animal within the animalia kingdom. One is mentioned in our story.
What’s A Screaming Hairy Armadillo? How Animals Get Their Names

BIG QUESTION: Why is a fox snake called a fox snake? - Heather, age 7

Make up your own animal. Draw your animal and create a common name that says something about their traits or behaviors.

Ask an expert. Who?

Find a safe source. Where?

What will you ask?

Draw or write in the boxes.

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What other questions do you have about this topic? How will you find the answer?