

Vocabulary List

Calcium	a nutrient that is found in most plants and animals and is especially important in people for strong healthy bones
Canine	relating to dogs or the family canidae, also a pointed tooth between the incisors and premolars of a mammal, often greatly enlarged in carnivores
Carnivore	an animal that feeds primarily on animal matter
Family	a taxonomic category that ranks above genus and below order, usually ending in idae (ex: canidae = dogs/canines)
Femur	the bone of the thigh or upper hind limb, moving at the hip and the knee
Incisor	a narrow-edged tooth at the front of the mouth adapted for cutting
Herbivore	an animal that feeds primary on plant matter
Mandible	the lower jawbone in mammals and fishes
Maxilla	the upper jawbone in most vertebrates
Molar	a grinding tooth at the back of a mammal's mouth
Omnivore	an animal that feeds on both animal and plant matter
Skull	skeleton of a person's or animal's head
Specimen	an individual animal, plant or artifact used as an example of its species or type for scientific study or display
Taxidermy	the art and science of preparing, stuffing and mounting the skins of animals with life-like effect
Taxonomic	the classification of organisms
Vertebrae	each of the series of small bones forming the backbone

