

Assignment: Construct a Dichotomous Key to be used to organize, classify, and name several mythical beasts.

- Requirements:
- The key must be dichotomous (2 statements per step).
  - All beasts must be named using binomial nomenclature, and in Latinized names (remember how we did the geometric shapes). Typical Latin noun endings include: -lus, -cus, -ia, -an, -cum, -on, -mus, -is.
  - The key below shows one way of writing out a dichotomous key.

### Dichotomous Key - Geometric Shapes

- 1a. Object is circular ..... go to 2
  - 2a. oval shaped ..... go to 3
    - 3a. shaded oval ..... Ovalicus dualus
    - 3b. non-shaded oval ..... Ovalicus singlus
  - 2b. circle shaped ..... go to 4
    - 4a. single line ..... Circus circus
    - 4b. double line ..... Circus maximus
- 1b. Object has 3 or more sides ..... go to 5
  - 5a. 4 sided ..... go to 6
    - 6a. All four angles are 90E ..... go to 7
      - 7a. Inside has diagonal lines ..... go to 8
        - 8a. a square ..... Ninetis squarimus
        - 8b. a rectangle ..... Ninetis longia
      - 7b. Inside is non-shaded ..... go to 9
        - 9a. a square ..... Ninetis squarone
        - 9b. a rectangle ..... Ninetis smallicus
    - 6b. All four angles are 90E ..... go to 10
      - 10a. shortest sides are parallel ..... go to 11
        - 11a. small ..... Anglicus parallelicum
        - 11b. large ..... Anglicus macroparallelicum
      - 10b. shortest sides are not parallel ..... go to 12
        - 12a. small ..... Anglicus microrhombus
        - 12b. large ..... Anglicus rhombus
  - 5b. Not 4 sided ..... go to 13
    - 13a. Has shading ..... go to 14
      - 14a. Looks like a house ..... Polyhedron pentagon
      - 14b. Looks like a diamond ..... Polyhedron mesohedron
    - 13b. No shading ..... go to 15
      - 15a. Three sided ..... Polyhedron triangulation
      - 15b. Resembles a stop sign ..... Polyhedron polygonian