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## **Progression toolkit: Differences within species**

Learning focus	There is variation between individuals of the same species, caused by differences in the genomes, lifestyles and environments of the individuals.				
As students' conceptual understanding progresses they can:	CONCEPTUAL PROGRESSION				
	Recognise what is meant by a 'species'.	Recognise that there are differences between individuals within a species, and this is called variation.	Identify sources of variation, including differences in the genomes, lifestyles and environments of individuals.	Distinguish between continuous and discontinuous variation.	Apply the idea that only genetic variation can be inherited.
Diagnostic questions	What is a species?	Variation	What causes variation?	Continuous and discontinuous variation	Heritable variation?
Response activities	Ideas about species	Observing and explaining variation		Measuring variation	

## Key:

P Prior understanding from earlier stages of learning

B Bridge to later stages of learning



