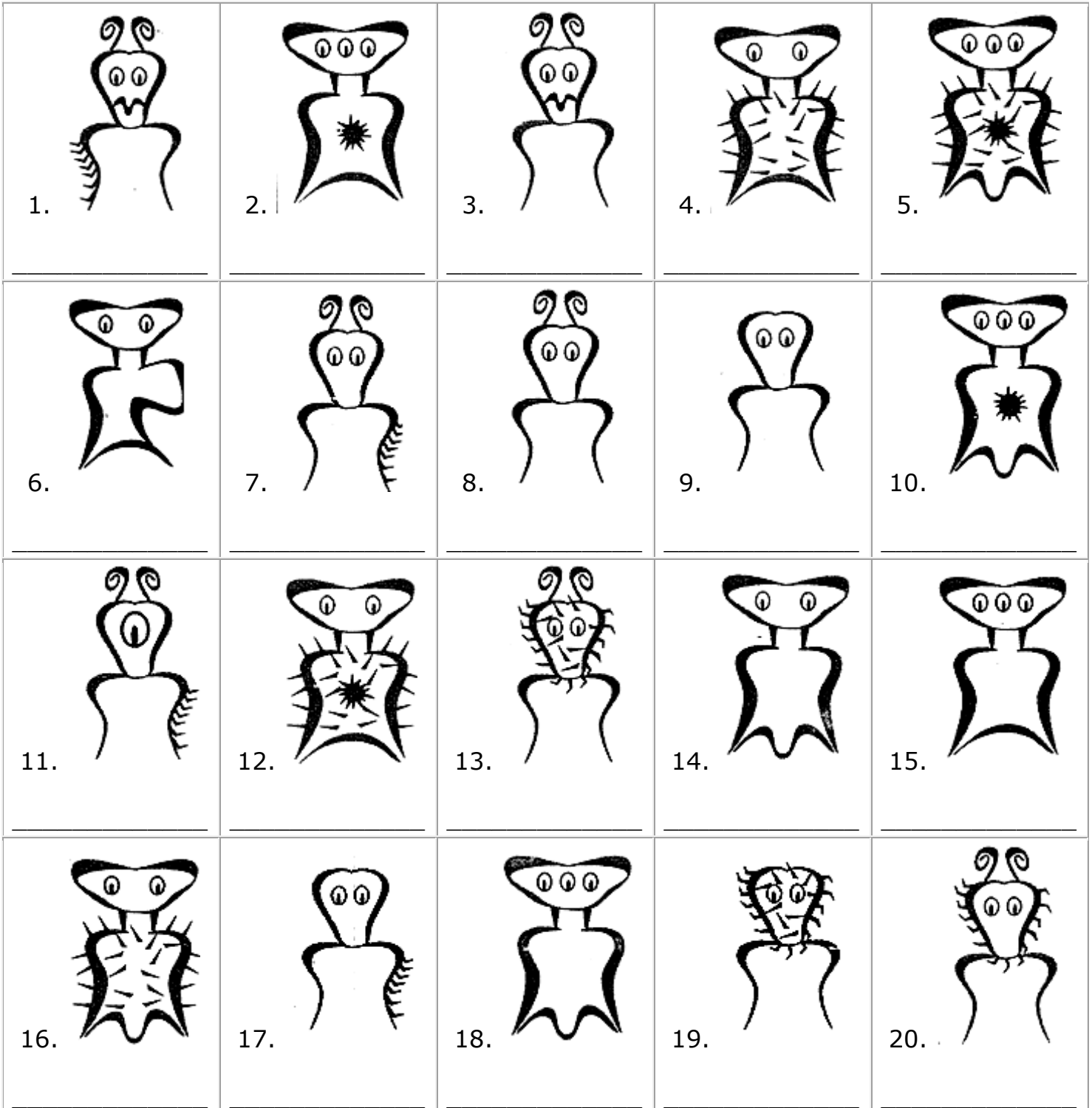


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Dichotomous Key Lab
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Taxonomy, Classification, and Dichotomous Keys

Help! Scientists have discovered quite a few new creatures on planet Pamishan. Use the dichotomous key on the next page to identify these creatures.



1. a. The creature has a large wide head.....go to 2
b. The creature has a small narrow head.....go to 11
2. a. It has 3 eyesgo to 3
b. It has 2 eyesgo to 7
3. a. There is a star in the middle of its chest.....go to 4
b. There is no star in the middle of its chestgo to 6
4. a. The creature has hair spikes*Broadus hairus*
b. The creature has no hair spikes.....go to 5
5. a. The bottom of the creature is arch-shaped*Broadus archus*
b. The bottom of the creature is M-shaped*Broadus emus*
6. a. The creature has an arch-shaped bottom*Broadus plainus*
b. The creature has an M-shaped bottom.....*Broadus tritops*
7. a. The creature has hairy spikesgo to 8
b. The creature has no spikes.....go to 10
8. a. There is a star in the middle of its body*Broadus hairystarus*
b. There is no star in the middle of its bodygo to 9
9. a. The creature has an arch shaped bottom*Broadus hairyemus*
b. The creature has an M shaped bottom*Broadus kiferus*
10. a. The body is symmetrical*Broadus walter*
b. The body is not symmetrical.....*Broadus anderson*
11. a. The creature has no antennaego to 12
b. The creature has antennaego to 14
12. a. There are spikes on the face*Narrowus wolfus*
b. There are no spikes on the facego to 13
13. a. The creature has no spikes anywhere*Narrowus blankus*
b. There are spikes on the right leg*Narrowus starboardus*
14. a. The creature has 2 eyes.....go to 15
b. The creature has 1 eye.....*Narrowus cyclops*
15. a. The creature has a mouth.....go to 16
b. The creature has no mouth.....go to 17
16. a. There are spikes on the left leg*Narrowus portus*
b. There are no spikes at all*Narrowus plainus*
17. a. The creature has spikesgo to 18
b. The creature has no spikes*Narrowus georgia*
18. a. There are spikes on the headgo to 19
b. There are spikes on the right leg.....*Narrowus montanian*
19. a. There are spikes covering the face*Narrowus beardus*
b. There are spikes only on the outside edge of head..*Narrowus fuzzus*