

## CLASSIFICATION OF ORGANISMS / FOSSILS

### KINGDOM

plants

animals

The rest of the classification will be illustrated by reference to Molluscs

### PHYLUM

a group of organisms with similar features and a related evolutionary history  
eg. MOLLUSCA / MOLLUSCS have a soft body, a muscular foot and (usually)  
a hard shell

### CLASS

The phylum MOLLUSCA is divided in 3 separate classes each with different  
characteristic features

