

Vertebrate

An animal with a backbone

Invertebrate

An animal without a backbone

Vertebrates

All of the animals that we looked at last term are vertebrates – they have a backbone inside their bodies.

For example:



Mammals







Reptiles





Vertebrates



Fish





Amphibians





Birds



Invertebrates

Invertebrates have no backbone. Some have soft bodies, like worms, slugs and jellyfish. Others have a hard outer casing, such as insects and spiders. This is called an exoskeleton – it is a bit like a suit of armour. For example:



Soft bodies



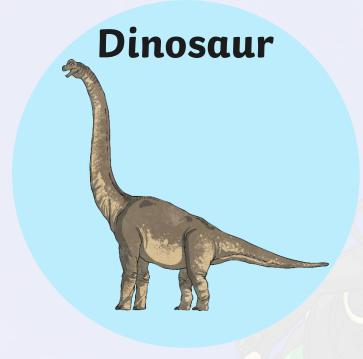


Dog



Worm

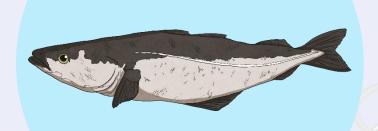




Human



Fish



Jellyfish







