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Vertebrate or Invertebrate?

Sort ten animals by whether they have a backbone, then check for your own.



Name: _____ **Date:** _____

A **vertebrate** has a backbone. An **invertebrate** does not. Most animals on Earth are invertebrates!

1. Write each animal in the right column.

spider · snake · jellyfish · worm · snail · frog · butterfly · eagle · shark · cat

Vertebrates (backbone)	Invertebrates (no backbone)

2. Feel the middle of your back. What do you feel? Are you a vertebrate or an invertebrate?

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