

Classifying Animals Webquest



Objective: 3.7.A.1. Compile evidence to verify the claim of biologists that the features of organisms connect or differentiate them—these include external and internal structures (features) and processes.

Animals are sorted into groups according to shared similarities. These similarities can be external structures (i.e. limbs) as well as similarities in internal structures (i.e. lungs) and processes (i.e. respiration). The more similarities between organisms, the more related they are. Before you begin, let's define some of the terms that you will be using in the lab today.

1. Circulatory System: Explain what each type of circulatory system is.

a. Open Circulatory System: _____

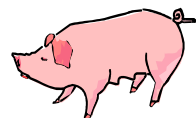
b. Closed Circulatory System: _____

Directions: Use the links to find information about each group of organisms. Record what you learn in the appropriate boxes.

Station 1: Mammals



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| Circulatory System: Open or Closed? | |
| Type of Reproduction | |
| Respiration (Way of obtaining Oxygen) | |
| Digestion | |

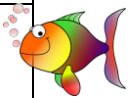


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Station 2: Fish



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Station 3: Insects



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Station 4: Segmented Worms



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Summary Questions:

1. How can knowing external and internal structures of an animal help to classify it?

2. The animal kingdom is made up of more species than the other four kingdoms combined. Scientists classify animals into two large groups. One group is made up of animals with backbones. The other group is made up of animals without backbones. More than 95% of animals are invertebrates!

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| Vertebrate: animals with backbones | Invertebrate: animals without backbones |
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Vertebrates have an **endoskeleton** (having a skeleton inside their bodies). Many invertebrates have an **exoskeleton** (a skeleton outside the body), but not all.

Which of the four animal groups are *vertebrates*? _____

Which of them are *invertebrates*? _____

Bonus: What is the function of the endoskeleton and exoskeleton?