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VERTEBRATES VS INVERTEBRATES

Characteristics	Vertebrates	Invertebrates
Vertebral Column	Vertebrates have a vertebral column.	Invertebrates do not have a backbone.
Morphology	Vertebrates are larger and more complex.	Invertebrates are small and slow-moving.
Circulatory System	Vertebrates have a closed circulatory system.	Most invertebrates have an open circulatory system.
Classification	Vertebrates are classified into over 30 phyla.	Invertebrates are classified into over 30 phyla.
Skeletal System	Vertebrates have an endoskeleton.	Some invertebrates have an exoskeleton.
Population	Only a few vertebrates exist in the world.	The majority of animals in the world are invertebrates.
Symmetry	Vertebrates exhibit bilateral symmetry.	Invertebrates exhibit both radial and bilateral symmetries.
Examples	Examples of vertebrates include human, blue whale, shark, frog, lizard, and so on.	Examples of invertebrates include the squid, flatworm, octopus, butterfly, spider, and so on.

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