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# VERTEBRATES VS INVERTEBRATES

Characteristics	Vertebrates	Invertebrates
<b>Vertebral Column</b>	Possess a backbone and internal skeleton.	Do not have backbone and internal skeleton.
<b>Morphology</b>		Small and slow moving. They are multicellular organisms.
<b>Circulatory System</b>		Open circulatory system
<b>Classification</b>		30 phyla
<b>Skeletal System</b>		Exoskeletons
<b>Population</b>	2 percent of species are vertebrates.	No less than 97 percent of animals are invertebrates.
<b>Symmetry</b>	Exhibits bilateral symmetry.	Exhibits radial and bilateral symmetry.
<b>Examples</b>	Humans, blue whale, shark, frog, lizard, bird.	Squid, flatworm, octopus, butterfly, spider, crab.

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