

Aim

• I can sort animals based on their skeletons.

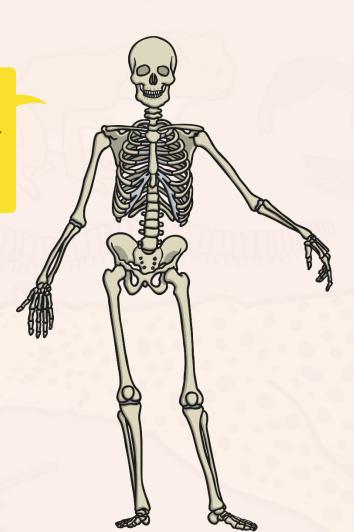
Success Criteria

- I can name the three different types of skeletons.
- I can explain the pros and cons of different types of skeletons.

Skeleton

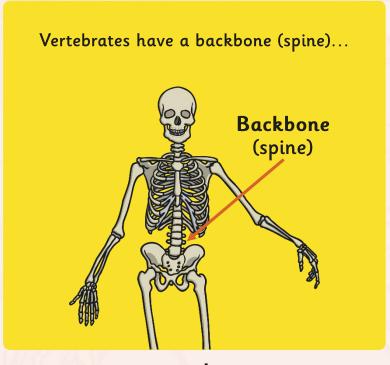


What do you associate with the word skeleton?



Vertebrates and Invertebrates

The difference between vertebrates and invertebrates is simple!

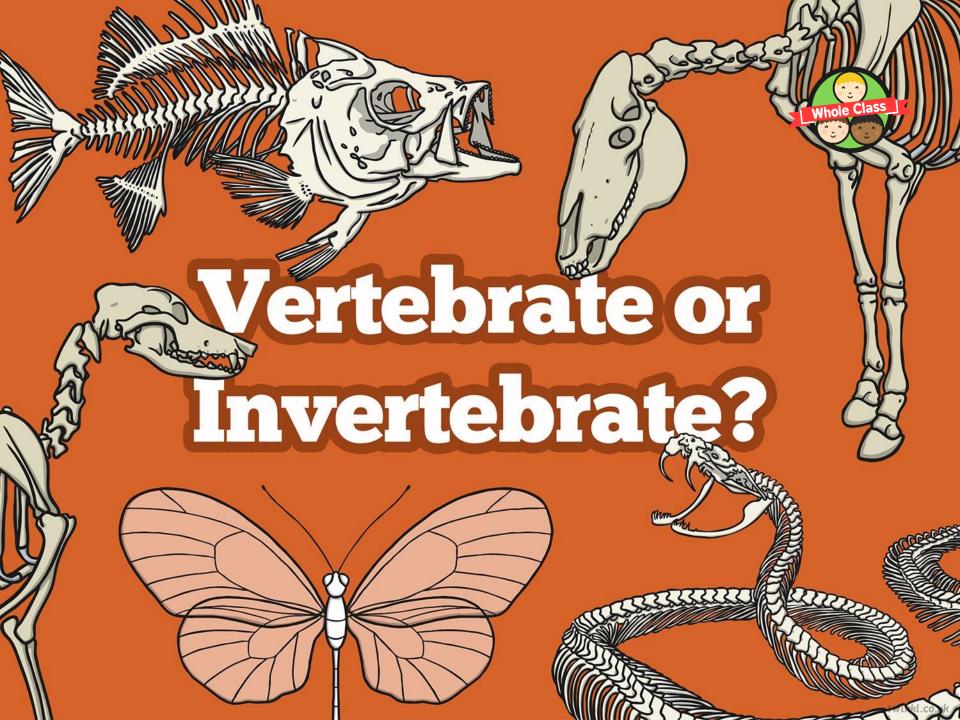




vertebrate

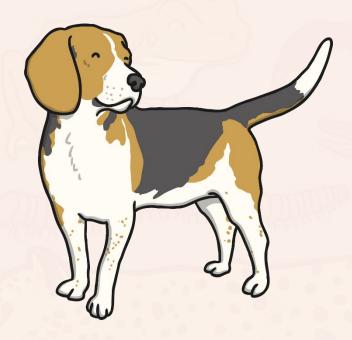
invertebrate

Now let's see if you can categorise animals as vertebrates or invertebrates.



Dog





Vertebrate 🗸

or



Worm





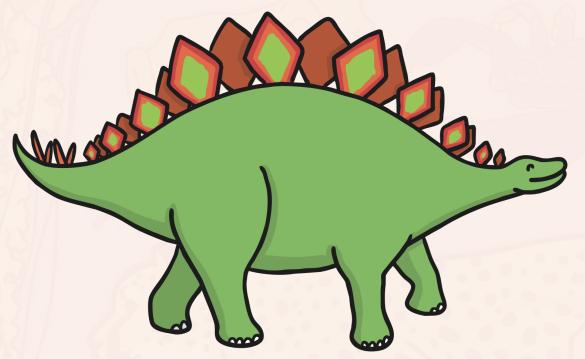
Vertebrate X

or



Dinosaur





Vertebrate 🗸

or



Human





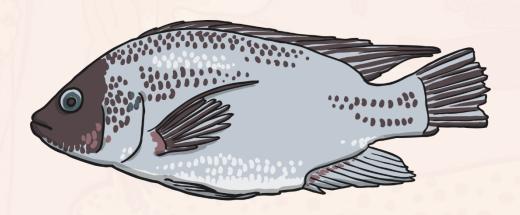
Vertebrate 🗸

or



Fish





Vertebrate 🗸

or



Jellyfish





Vertebrate X

or



Butterfly





Vertebrate X

or



Types of Skeletons



A further classification of skeletons comes from if an animal has a skeleton and where it is.

All vertebrates have an endoskeleton. However invertebrates can be divided again between those with an exoskeleton and those with a hydrostatic skeleton.

vertebrate

rendoskeleton



exoskeleton



invertebrate

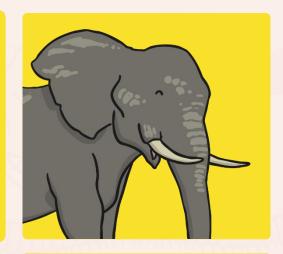
hydrostatic skeleton



What do you think the words endoskeleton, exoskeleton and hydrostatic skeleton mean?

Endoskeletons

Animals with endoskeletons have skeletons on the inside of their bodies.



Endoskeletons are lighter than exoskeletons.

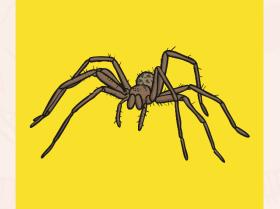


As the animal grows so does their skeleton.



Exoskeletons

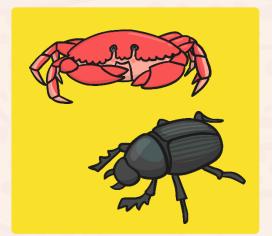
Animals with exoskeletons have their skeletons on the outside!



Watch the following clip to see how they shed their skeletons (clip the crab below).



Exoskeletons do not grow with the animal. Therefore the animal has to shed its skeleton and produce a new one!



Hydrostatic Skeletons

Animals with hydrostatic skeletons don't actually have any bones!



All animals with hydrostatic skeletons are invertebrates.

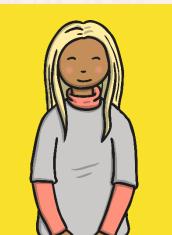


Instead these animals have a fluid-filled compartment in their body called a coelom.



Skeleton Types

endoskeleton



exoskeleton



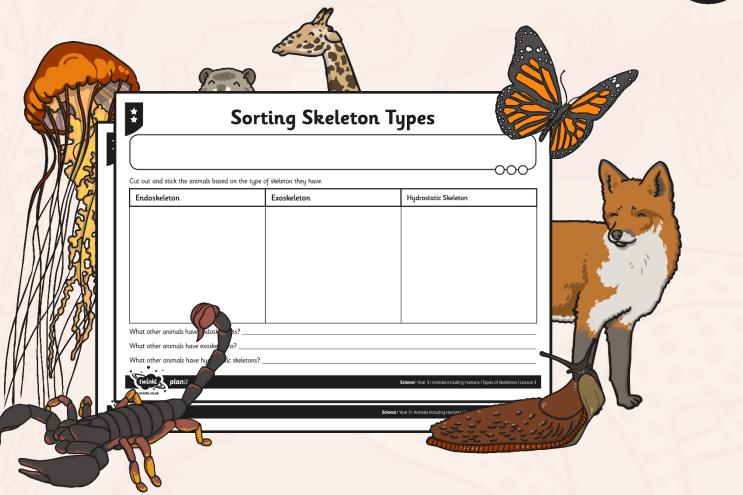
hydrostatic skeleton



Can you think of an example of an animal with an exoskeleton, endoskeleton or hydrostatic skeleton?

Sorting Skeleton Types





Pros and Cons of Different & Skeleton Types



| Type of Skeleton | Pro | Con |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Endoskeleton | | |
| Exoskeleton | | |
| Hydrostatic Skeleton | | |

Grows with the body

More protection for
the body

Does not grow with the body

Body is more flexible

Cannot lift objects

Muscles are less

flexible

Aim



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