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Overview: Life Without a Backbone

- Invertebrates are animals that lack a backbone
- They account for 95% of known animal species

















(b) Jellies (class Scyphozoa)



(c) Sea wasp (class Cubozoa)

(d) Sea anemone (class Anthozoa)

(a) Colonial polyps (class Hydrozoa)



Table 33-2

Table 33.2 Classes of Phylum Platyhelminthes

Class and Examples	Main Characteristics
Turbellaria (mostly free-living flatworms, such as <i>Dugesia)</i>	Most marine, some fresh- water, a few terrestrial; predators and scavengers; body surface ciliated
Monogenea (monogeneans)	Marine and freshwater para- sites; most infect external surfaces of fishes; life history simple; ciliated larva starts infection on host
Trematoda (trematodes, also called flukes)	Parasites, mostly of vert- ebrates; two suckers attach to host; most life cycles include intermediate and final hosts
Cestoda (tapeworms)	Parasites of vertebrates; scolex attaches to host; proglottids produce eggs and break off after fertilization; no head or digestive system; life cycle with one or more inter- mediate hosts





Monogeneans and Trematodes

- Monogeneans and trematodes live as parasites in or on other animals
- They parasitize a wide range of hosts, and most have complex life cycles with alternating sexual and asexual stages
- Trematodes that parasitize humans spend part of their lives in snail hosts
- Most monogeneans are parasites of fish



Tapeworms

- Tapeworms are parasites of vertebrates and lack a digestive system
- Tapeworms absorb nutrients from the host's intestine
- Fertilized eggs, produced by sexual reproduction, leave the host's body in feces



Rotifers

- Rotifers, phylum Rotifera, are tiny animals that inhabit fresh water, the ocean, and damp soil
- Rotifers are smaller than many protists but are truly multicellular and have specialized organ systems





- Rotifers have an alimentary canal, a digestive tube with a separate mouth and anus that lies within a fluid-filled pseudocoelom
- Rotifers reproduce by parthenogenesis, in which females produce offspring from unfertilized eggs
- Some species are unusual in that they lack males entirely

Lophophorates: Ectoprocts and Brachiopods

- Lophophorates have a *lophophore*, a horseshoe-shaped, suspension-feeding organ with ciliated tentacles
- Lophophorates include two phyla: Ectoprocta and Brachiopoda
- Ectoprocts (also called bryozoans) are colonial animals that superficially resemble plants
- A hard **exoskeleton** encases the colony, and some species are reef builders





Lophophore

(b) Brachiopods



- Most molluscs have separate sexes with gonads located in the visceral mass
- The life cycle of many molluscs includes a ciliated larval stage called a trochophore

- There are four major classes of molluscs:
 - Polyplacophora (chitons)
 - Gastropoda (snails and slugs)
 - Bivalvia (clams, oysters, and other bivalves)
 - Cephalopoda (squids, octopuses, cuttlefish, and chambered nautiluses)



Fig. 33-17



(a) A land snail



(b) A sea slug







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- Cephalopods have a closed circulatory system, well-developed sense organs, and a complex brain
- Shelled cephalopods called ammonites were common but went extinct at the end of the Cretaceous

Annelids

- Annelids have bodies composed of a series of fused rings
- The phylum Annelida is divided into three classes:
 - Oligochaeta (earthworms and their relatives)
 - Polychaeta (polychaetes)
 - Hirudinea (leeches)





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Concept 33.4: Ecdysozoans are the most species-rich animal group

- Ecdysozoans are covered by a tough coat called a cuticle
- The cuticle is shed or molted through a process called ecdysis
- The two largest phyla are nematodes and arthropods



Encysted juveniles Muscle tissue

50 µm



Arthropod Origins

- The arthropod body plan consists of a segmented body, hard exoskeleton, and jointed appendages, and dates to the Cambrian explosion (535–525 million years ago)
- Early arthropods show little variation from segment to segment



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- Molecular evidence suggests that living arthropods consist of four major lineages that diverged early in the phylum's evolution:
 - Cheliceriforms (sea spiders, horseshoe crabs, scorpions, ticks, mites, and spiders)
 - Myriapods (centipedes and millipedes)
 - Hexapods (insects and relatives)
 - Crustaceans (crabs, lobsters, shrimps, barnacles, and many others)





▲ Scorpion





▲ Dust mite

Web-building spider

- Arachnids have an abdomen and a cephalothorax, which has six pairs of appendages, the most anterior of which are the chelicerae
- Gas exchange in spiders occurs in respiratory organs called **book lungs**
- Many spiders produce silk, a liquid protein, from specialized abdominal glands



Myriapods

- Subphylum Myriapoda includes millipedes and centipedes
 - Myriapods are terrestrial, and have jawlike mandibles
- Millipedes, class Diplopoda, have many legs
 - Each trunk segment has two pairs of legs



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Crustaceans

- While arachnids and insects thrive on land, crustaceans, for the most part, have remained in marine and freshwater environments
- Crustaceans, subphylum Crustacea, typically have branched appendages that are extensively specialized for feeding and locomotion
- Most crustaceans have separate males and females

- Isopods include terrestrial, freshwater, and marine species
 - Pill bugs are a well known group of terrestrial isopods
- Decapods are all relatively large crustaceans and include lobsters, crabs, crayfish, and shrimp



(a) Ghost crab



(c) Barnacles



Calcarea and Silicea Cnidaria Lophotrochozoa Ecdysozoa Deuterostomia



- Living echinoderms are divided into six classes:
 - Asteroidia (sea stars)
 - Ophiuroidea (brittle stars)
 - Echinoidea (sea urchins and sand dollars)
 - Crinoidea (sea lilies and feather stars)
 - Holothuroidea (sea cucumbers)
 - Concentricycloidea (sea daisies)





(a) A sea star (class Asteroidea)



(b) A brittle star (class Ophiuroidea)



(c) A sea urchin (class Echinoidea)



(d) A feather star (class Crinoidea)



(e) A sea cucumber (class Holothuroidea)

Sea Daisies

 Sea daisies were discovered in 1986, and only three species are known



(f) A sea daisy (class Concentricycloidea)

You should now be able to:

- Describe how a sponge feeds and digests its food
- 2. List the characteristics of the phylum Cnidaria that distinguish it from other animal phyla
- 3. List the four classes of Cnidaria and distinguish among them based on life cycle morphology
- List the characteristics of Platyhelminthes and distinguish among the four classes

- 5. Describe a lophophore and name two lophophorate phyla
- 6. Describe the features of molluscs and distinguish among the four classes
- 7. Describe the features of annelids and distinguish among the three classes
- List the characteristics of nematodes that distinguish them from other wormlike animals

- 9. List three features that account for the success of arthropods
- 10. Define and distinguish among the four major arthropod lineages
- 11. Describe the developmental similarities between echinoderms and chordates
- 12. Distinguish among the six classes of echinoderms