

Kingdom Animalia Characteristics

Phyla	Porifera	Cnidaria	Platyhelminthes	Nematoda	Molluska	Annelida	Arthropoda	Echindodermata	Chordata
Defining Traits	Choanocyte Osculum Gemmules Cells are totipotent	Stinging tentacles Cnidocyte w/ nematocysts Formation of gut Nerve net	Flattened bodies Cephalization Lophotrochozoa	Ecdysozoan Molting to grow	Unsegmented Mantle Shell (attached) Radula Lophotrochozoa	Segmented Chaetae Dorsal Brain Ventral nerve cord	Ecdysozoan Molting to grow Exoskeleton of Chitin Head-Thorax-abdomen (sometimes fused) Ventral nerve cord	Water vascular system	1. Notachord 2. Dorsal hollow nerve cord (becomes the brain and spinal chord) 3. Pharyngeal slits 4. Muscular postanal tail
Symmetry	Asymmetrical	Radial	Bilateral	Bilateral	Bilateral	Bilateral	Bilateral	Bilateral (larvae) Secondary 5-part radial symmetry (as adults)	
Level of organization	Cellular w/ some specialization	Tissue	Organ-system	Organ system	Organ system	Organ system	Organ system	Organ system	
Germ Layers	No layers	Diploblastic	Triploblastic	Triploblastic	triploblastic	triploblastic	triploblastic	Triploblastic	
Coelem	NA		Acoelomate	Pseudocoelomate	Coelomate	Coelomate	Coelomate	Coelomate	
Cephalization	NA		Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	
Development	NA		Protostome Determinant development	Protostome Determinant development	Trochophore Protostome Determinant development	Trochophore Protostome Determinant development	Protostome Determinant development	Deuterostome Indeterminant development	Deuterostome Indeterminant development
Segmentation	NA	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Segmentation	Segmentation	Segmentation Absent in adults	Segmentation

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Support	Endoskeleton of Spicules -spongin, -collagen protein	Hydrostatic skeleton		Hydrostatic skeleton		Hydrostatic skeleton	Exoskeleton (covers the entire body)	endoskeleton of dermal ossicles (plates of calcium carbonate)	Notochord
Muscular/ movement	Sessile	Contracting cells in epidermis (epidermal and gastrodermal cells) Polyp- Sessile and Asexual Medusa- Motile and Sexual		Longitudinal layer of muscle	Muscular foot			Muscles from tube feet and ampulla	Sessile
Digestive/ # of openings	Phagocytosis through Choanocytes	Incomplete Gastrovascular cavity (GVC)	Incomplete 1 opening	Complete digestive tract 2 openings	Complete 2 openings Visceral mass: most digestive glands here	Complete 2 openings	Complete 2 openings	Complete 2 openings seastars have two stomachs, one extrudes into prey.	Complete 2 openings
Feeding									Filter feeder
Respiratory	Diffusion	Diffusion	Diffusion	Diffusion	Gill or Lungs		gills, lungs or tracheoles Spiracles	Skin gills	
Nervous		Nerve net; simple sensory cells: light, touch and taste		Dorsal and ventral nerve cords •Brain forms a ring around pharynx		Doral Brain, ventral Nerve cord		oral and aboral central rings w/ radial nerves in each arm; no brain.	

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Circulatory	None				Open System	Closed System	Open system dorsal, tubular heart		
Reproduction	<p>Monoecious Asexual: budding & regeneration</p> <p>Sexual reproduction: -Broadcast sperm & fertilized eggs -use chemical signals to time mating.</p> <p>Gemmules are spit out when stressed or dying & external conditions are favorable</p>	<p>Asexual: Budding, fission (Polyp forms only)</p> <p>Sexual: Some hermaphroditic some are Dioecious</p> <p>Polyp- Sessile and Asexual</p> <p>Medusa- Motile and Sexual</p>	Monoecious Asexual Sexual -usually Monoecious	Dioecious and fertilization internal	Dioecious (one female, one male) but some slugs are monoecious Internal or external fertilization	<p>Asexual: Some Through Fission Or fragmentation</p> <p>Sexual: Monoecious or dioecious</p>	<p>Mostly dioecious With internal fertilization</p>	sexes usually separate (dioecious). Asexual reproduction possible Regeneration of arms.	
Excretion	Diffusion	Diffusion			Nephridia		Green glands	N/A	
Classes	<p>1. Calcite sponge</p> <p>2. Demospongiae</p> <p>3. Glass sponge: Hexactinellida</p>		Tubellaria		Cephalopoda				
Habitat	Marine	Aquatic, most marine	Marine, fresh water or Moist Terrestrial,	Marine, Freshwater, soil	Marine, freshwater, terrestrial (limited)	Marine, freshwater, terrestrial	marine, freshwater, terrestrial, aerial	All Marine	All Marine

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Miscellaneous	3 body plans: Immune system that can produce chemicals in defense of bacteria and can control cancer	2 body plans - polyp - medusa - Corals (polyp colonies) secrete external 'Skeleton' Of calcium Carbonate	Produce massive Number Of spring Free living- Turbellarians	C. Elegans is s the most studied			Highly Developed Sensory System	water-Vascular system	
Example	Sponges	Jellyfish, corals, hydra	flatworm, tapeworm, planarian	Hookworm (blood suckers), pinworm (large intestine), Intestinal roundworm (ascaris) Trichian worm (muscle), Fliaral Roundworm (lymph glads, circulatory system, under skin)	Clams, squid, snails, sea slugs, octopus Chiton	Earthworms, leeches	Barnacles, Crayfish	seastars, sea cucumbers, sea urchi, sand dollars, sea lilies	
Evolutionary trends				Free living species are important decomposers	True coelom Trochophore larvae All organ system present	Metameres: body segements			Metamerism

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Sub-Phyla							1. Chelicerata 2. Crustacea -branched appendages 3. Myriapoda -many legs 4. Hexapoda		1. Tunicata (Urochordata) - mostly sessile 2. Cephalochordata
Other			Most are parasites		Flashy mantle secretes shell & can be modified for other functions i.e. locomotion in squid, or respiration in terrestrial slugs/snails	Many have parapodia Excretory organs, nephridia in nearly every segment	Jointed appendages Reduced coelom and fusion of segments Highly developed sensory organs		Filter feeders, Herbivores, Carnivores The dorsal hollow nerve cord develops into the central nervous system: the brain and spine. Pharyngeal slits are openings in the pharynx that develop into gill arches in bony fish and into the jaw and inner ear in terrestrial animals.

