

Science Fables

The Backbone Clue

Story Quiz

This quiz follows Asha and Ben as they learn how animals are grouped into vertebrates and invertebrates.

1. What is a vertebrate?

- A. An animal with a backbone
- B. An animal without bones
- C. An animal that lives only in water
- D. An animal with a shell

2. What are the small bones that make up the backbone called?

- A. Ribs
- B. Vertebrae
- C. Joints
- D. Muscles

3. Which group contains only vertebrates?

- A. Fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals
- B. Jellyfish, sea stars, crabs, and octopuses
- C. Insects, worms, and spiders
- D. Snails, clams, and jellyfish

4. Which animal in the story is an invertebrate?

- A. Fish
- B. Turtle
- C. Jellyfish
- D. Bird

5. What clue did Asha and Ben use to classify the animals?

- A. Where the animal lived
- B. Whether the animal had a backbone
- C. The animal's color
- D. The animal's size

Answer Key

1. A — An animal with a backbone

A vertebrate is an animal with a backbone.

2. B — Vertebrae

The small bones that make up the backbone are called vertebrae.

3. A — Fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals

Fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals are all vertebrates.

4. C — Jellyfish

The jellyfish is an invertebrate.

5. B — Whether the animal had a backbone

Asha and Ben classified the animals by whether they had a backbone.