

Structure and Function of Vertebrates ▪ 12.1 Review and Reinforce

What Is a Vertebrate?

Understanding Main Ideas

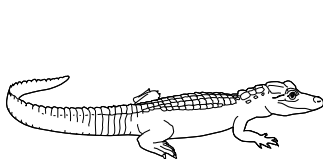
Answer the following questions.

1. What three characteristics do all chordates share?

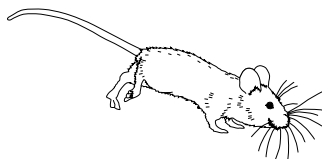
2. What is a vertebrate?

3. What are three functions of an endoskeleton?

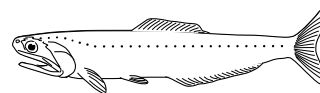
State whether the following animals are ectotherms or endotherms. Write your answer on the line provided.



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

Building Vocabulary

From the list below, choose the term that best completes each sentence.

chordates

vertebra

endotherm

notochord

ectotherm

7. The body of a(n) _____ doesn't produce much internal heat. Its body temperature changes depending on the temperature of its environment.
8. The body of a(n) _____ regulates its temperature.
9. Some chordates keep the _____ all their lives, while in others it is replaced by a backbone.
10. One of the bones of the spinal column is called a(n) _____.
11. Vertebrates are a subgroup of the phylum known as the _____.