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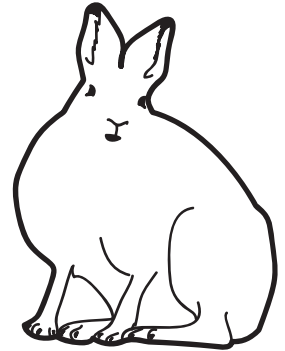
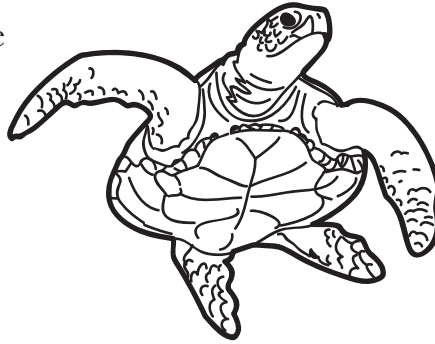
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# IDENTIFY INVERTEBRATES AND VERTEBRATES

Many different animals share our planet with us. Many are alike, and many are different. Scientists **classify** animals based on their similarities. One way scientists group animals is whether or not those animals have a backbone.

Some animals, like dogs, cats, birds, lizards, fish, and even humans have backbones - Scientists classify backboned animals as **vertebrate**.

Other animals, such as squid, worms, bugs, and clams do not have backbones. Scientists call these animals **invertebrates**.



Choose **five animals** from the list below. Write the animal's name, whether it is a vertebrate or invertebrate, and two important traits in the spreadsheet. An example has been provided for you.

- Scorpion    Fox    Octopus    Snail    Rabbit    Wolf    Deer  
T-Rex    Spider    Fish    Jellyfish    Turtle    Beetle    Hawk

Animal	Vertebrate / Invertebrate	Two important traits
Rabbit	Vertebrate	1. A rabbit has long ears. 2. A rabbit is a mammal.