

# Comparing Invertebrates

## I. Digestion

1. Filter Feeders (sift food through water current)
  - sponges
2. One-Way Digestion (food enters mouth and exits through anus)
  - roundworms
  - annelids
  - mollusks
  - arthropods
  - echinoderms
3. Two-Way Digestion (food enters mouth and exits through mouth)
  - cnidarians
  - flatworms

## II. Respiration

1. Simple Diffusion
  - sponges
  - cnidarians
  - flatworms
  - roundworms
  - annelids
  - echinoderms
2. Gills
  - mollusks
  - arthropods (crabs)
3. Lungs
  - arthropods (spiders)
4. Tracheal Tubes
  - arthropods (grasshoppers)

## III. Internal Transport

1. Simple Diffusion
  - sponges
  - cnidarians
  - flatworms
  - roundworms
  - echinoderms
2. Open Circulatory System (blood not only confined to blood vessels)
  - mollusks (snails, clams)
  - arthropods
3. Closed Circulatory System (blood confined to blood vessels)
  - annelids
  - mollusks (octopi, squids)

#### **IV. Excretion** (cellular wastes)

##### **1. Simple Diffusion**

- sponges
- cnidarians
- roundworms
- arthropods (aquatic)
- echinoderms

##### **2. Excretory Pores**

- flatworms
- annelids (nephridia)
- mollusks (nephridia)

##### **3. Malpighian Tubules**

- arthropods (terrestrial)

#### **V. Response**

##### **1. No Nervous System**

- sponges

##### **2. Nerve Net** (scattered neurons)

- cnidarians

##### **3. Ganglia With Nerves**

- flatworms
- roundworms

##### **4. Brain With Branching Nerve Cords**

- annelids
- mollusks (highly developed)
- arthropods

##### **5. Nerve Ring**

- echinoderms

#### **VI. Movement**

##### **1. Hydrostatic Skeleton** (muscles supported by a water-filled body cavity)

- cnidarians
- flatworms
- roundworms
- annelids
- mollusks (slugs)

##### **2. Exoskeleton** (hard external covering that encloses internal organs and muscles)

- mollusks (clam)
- arthropods

##### **3. Endoskeleton** (rigid structural framework on the inside of the body)

- sponges (spicules)
- echinoderms
- chordates

## VII. Reproduction

### 1. Asexual

#### Budding

- sponges
- cnidarians

#### Regeneration

- sponges
- flatworms
- echinoderms

### 2. Sexual

#### Hermaphroditic

- flatworms
- annelids

#### Dioecious (separate sexes)

- roundworms
- mollusks
- arthropods
- echinoderms

#### External Fertilization

- sponges
- cnidarians
- mollusks (crabs)
- echinoderms

#### Internal Fertilization

- mollusks (cuttlefish)
- arthropods