

# invertebrate

1. [ɪnˈvɜːtɪbr(e)ɪt] *n*
  1. беспозвоночное животное
  2. безвольный, слабохарактерный человек
2. [ɪnˈvɜːtɪbr(e)ɪt] *a*
  1. беспозвоночный
  2. бесхарактерный, безвольный, бесхребетный

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**in-ver-te-brate** [invertebrate invertebrates] *BrE* [ɪnˈvɜːtɪbr̩jət] *NAmE*

[ɪnˈvɜːrtɪbr̩jət] *noun* (technical)

any animal with no **↑backbone**, for example a **↑worm**

**compare** **↑vertebrate**

### Word Origin:

early 19th cent. (as a noun): from modern Latin *invertebrata* (plural) **‘the invertebrates’** (former taxonomic group), from French *invertébrés* from *in-* **‘without’** + Latin *vertebra* (from *vertere* **‘to turn’**).

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**in-ver-te-brate** /ɪnˈvɜːtɪbreɪt, ɪnˈvɜːtɪbreɪt/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

a living creature that does not have a **↑backbone**

⇒ **↑vertebrate**

**—invertebrate** *adjective*

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### THESAURUS

- **animal** a living thing such as a dog, cow, or tiger, but not an insect, fish, or bird: farm animals such as cows, sheep, and pigs | People are becoming more concerned about animal welfare.
- **creature** /ˈkriːtʃə -ər/ an animal – used especially when describing a particular animal’s characteristics or when referring to animals generally: The cheetah is a magnificent creature. | all the living creatures in the sea
- **beast** an animal, especially a large or dangerous one: To most people, lions are savage beasts. | a wild beast
- **living thing** an animal considered as one of a group of things that grow and then die, including humans and plants: The only living things we saw were dogs and cats.
- **species** /ˈspiːʃiːz/ a group of animals whose members are similar and can breed together to produce young animals: Seven species of birds of prey have been observed.
- **mammal** an animal that drinks milk from its mother’s body when it is young: Humans, dogs, and whales are all mammals.
- **vertebrate** a living creature that has a backbone: viruses that affect chickens, monkeys, and most other vertebrates
- **invertebrate** a living creature that does not have a backbone: earthworms and other small invertebrates

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