

# ZOOLOGY

## MED EASY



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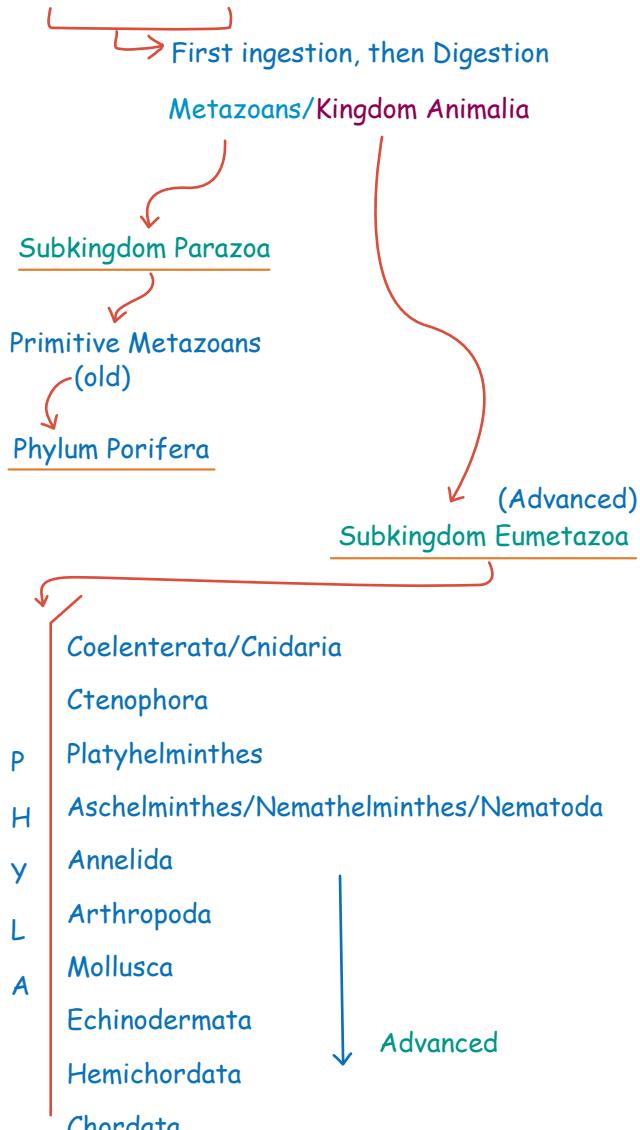
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### ANIMAL KINGDOM: (KINGDOM ANIMALIA / METAZOANS)

- Multicellular
- Heterotrophs: Dependent on others for food
- Holozoic mode of Nutrition



#### Basis of Classification

In spite of differences in structure & form of different animals, there are fundamental features common to them that are used as the basis of animal classification.

#### 1. Level of organisation (L O O)

- Cellular: Only cells are present. eg: Porifera
- Tissue: Group of similar cells organised to Perform a specific function eg: Coelenterata, Ctenophora



- Organ: Tissues are organised to form an organ eg: Platyhelminthes

(ALSO ORGAN SYSTEM-TABLE 4.2 NCERT)

- Organ-system: Organs are organised to form organ system. eg: From Aschelminthes upto Chordata

#### 2. Symmetry

- i) Asymmetrical: Body can't be divided into equal halves passing through any plane that passes through centre  
eg: Mostly Porifera (sponges)

- ii) Radially Symmetrical: Body can be divided into equal halves passing through any plane that passes through centre  
eg: Coelenterata, Ctenophora  
\* ECHINODERMS (ADULT)

- iii) Bilaterally Symmetrical: Body can be divided into equal halves passing through only one plane through centre.  
eg: Platyhelminthes upto Chordata  
(\*ECHINODERMATA LARVA)

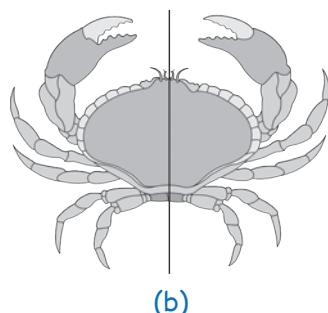
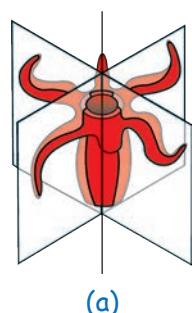


Figure: (a) Radial symmetry, (b) Bilateral symmetry

### 3. Body plan (Not in NCERT directly)

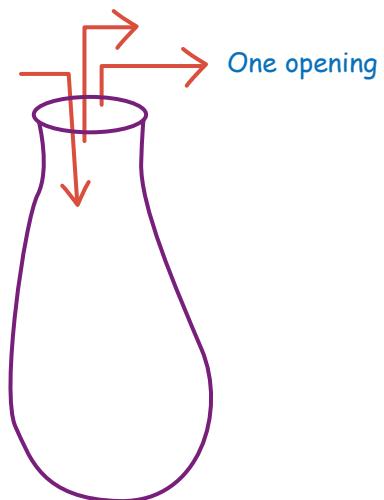
(अतिनियत Gyaan)

→ i) Cellular aggregation: Only cells are diffused in body.

eg: Porifera

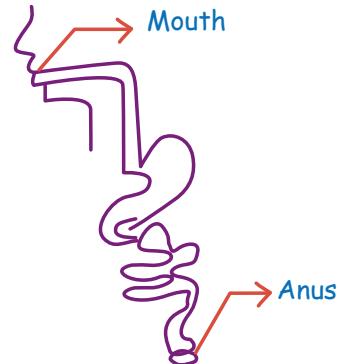
→ ii) Blind sac: Body has only one opening for entry or exit of substances

eg: Coelenterata, Ctenophora, Platyhelminthes

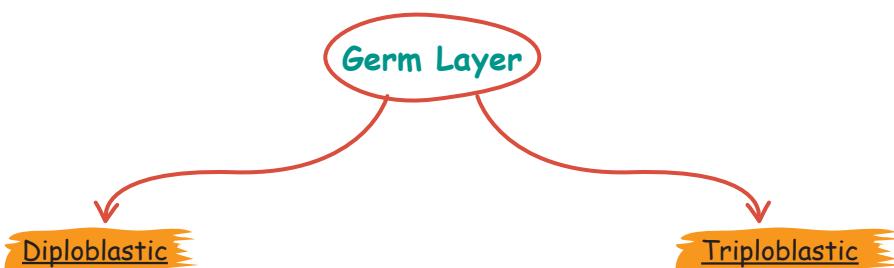
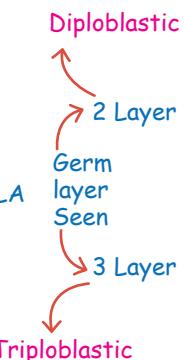
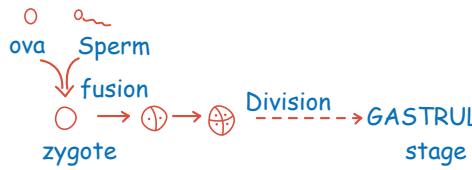


→ iii) Tube within tube: 2 separate openings are present, one acting as a mouth & another like an anus.

eg: Aschelminthes upto Chordata

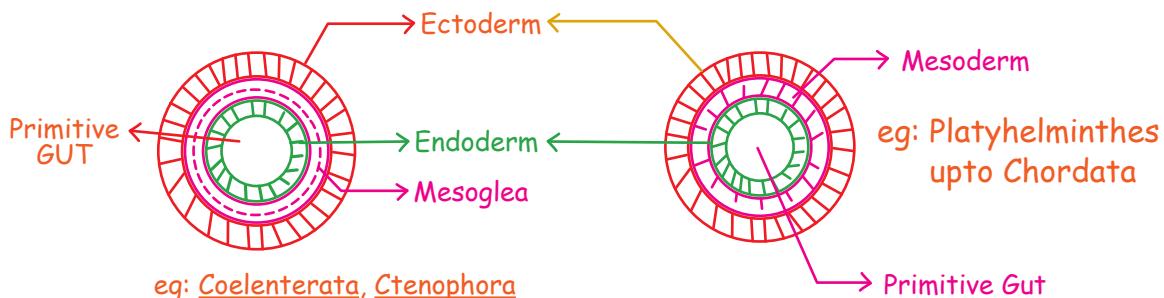


### 4. Germ Layer

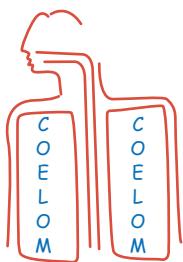


- Animals in which only 2 germ layers: Ectoderm & Endoderm are found.
- A non-cellular MESOGLEA is present Between them.

- Animals in which 3 germ layers are found ECTODERM, ENDODERM & MESODERM.

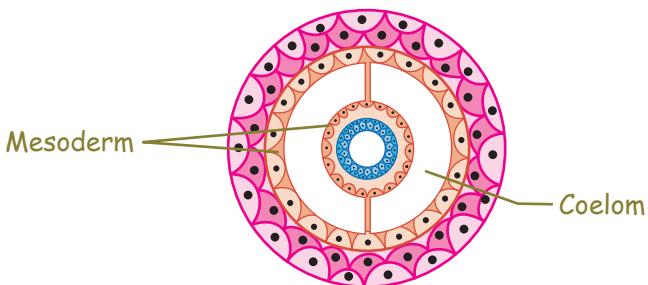


## 5. Coelom

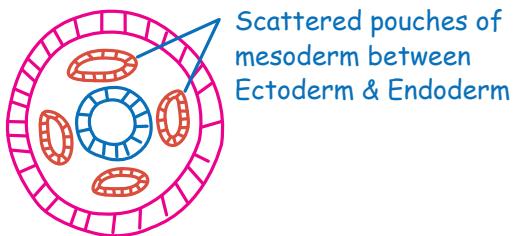


- **Acoelomate:** Absence of Coelom eg: Porifera, Coelenterata, Ctenophora, Platyhelminthes
- **Pseudocoelomate:** Aschelminthes
- **Eucoelomate:** Annelida upto Chordata

**Eucoelomate (TRUE COELOM):** The body cavity which is lined by mesoderm on the both sides.



**Pseudocoelomate (False coelom):** Mesoderm is present as scattered pouches between ectoderm and endoderm



**Acoelomate:** (No coelom) : Body cavity is absent.

In PLATYHELMINTHES, even though Mesoderm was present but it does not split & remains SOLID

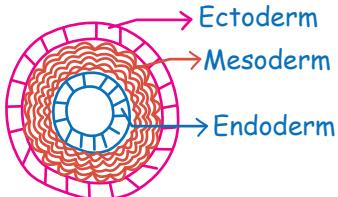


Figure: Solid Mesoderm in platyhelminthes

## 6. Metameric Segmentation

Body can be divided externally, internally with serial repetition of at least some organs is known as 'METAMERISM'

eg: Annelida, Arthropoda, Chordata

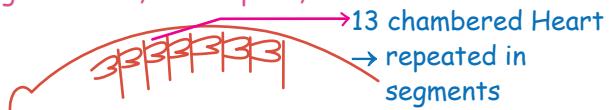


Figure: Cockroach

## 7. Notochord

A supporting mesodermally derived structure present Dorsally only in CHORDATES.

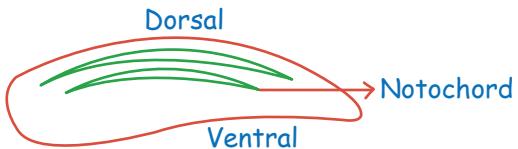


Figure: Chordata

## 8. Digestive system

Complete → 2 opening present in alimentary canal.

eg., Aschelminthes upto Chordate

Incomplete → Only single opening present in alimentary canal.

eg., Coelenterata upto Platyhelminthes

## 9. Respiratory system

It was properly seen for the first time in  
Arthropods

## 10. Circulatory system

Open (Blood vessels not bounded by capillary)

Closed (Blood vessels bounded by capillary)

eg., Chordata

Non-cephalopod  
Mollusca

Hemichordata

Echinodermata

Tunicata

eg., of open  
Circulatory system

## PORIFERA (SPONGES)

'Pore' Bearers

### General Characteristics

1. Habitat: All are aquatic, few fresh water But mostly marine
- o These are SESSILE animals

→ attached to the Substratum/ Ocean floor

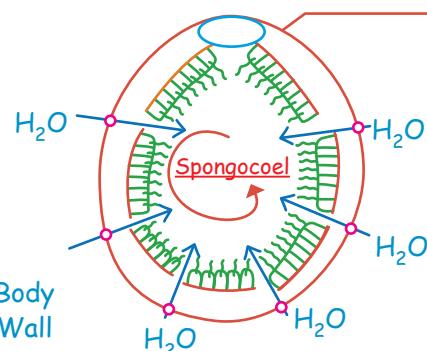


Figure: Water Canal System

2. Level of Organisation: Cellular
3. Symmetry: Asymmetrical mostly
4. Germ layer: Absent
5. Body plan: Cellular aggregation
6. Coelom: Absent
7. Metamerism: Absent
8. Notochord: Absent

→ OSCULUM (Water exit)

→ SINGLE

OSTIA : Minute pores present in the body of porifera



Collar cells / Choanocytes

These are flagellated cells lining the spongocoel & helps in the movement of H<sub>2</sub>O

### WATER-CANAL-SYSTEM

Helps in

OSTIA → SPONGOCOEL → OSCULUM

Digestion, respiration, excretion, Reproduction (transfer of gamete)

#### NOTE

The body is supported with SKELETON made of spongin fibers, SPICULES (Calcium or Silicon)

### Physiology

1. Digestive system: Intracellular
2. Respiratory system: Absent
3. Circulatory system: Absent
4. Excretory system: Absent
5. Reproduction: Hermaphrodite, 'Sexual' & Asexual (By Fragmentation)
6. Fertilisation: Internal fertilisation
7. Development: Indirect (via larval Stages)

#### NOTE

UNISEXUAL / DIOECIOUS : Sexes are separate

BISEXUAL / MONOECIOUS / HERMAPHRODITE:

Sexes are not separate, male & female reproductive organs are present within the same individual

eg: Euspongia

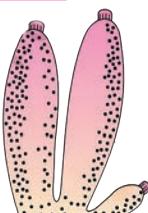
Spongilla

Sycon

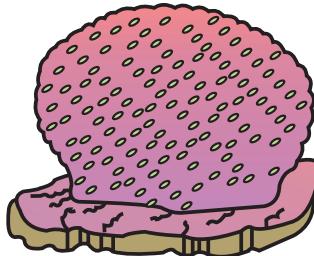
(Common Bath Sponge)

(Freshwater Sponge)

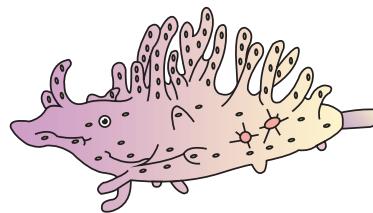
(Scypha)



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure: Examples of Porifera

(a) Sycon (b) Euspongia (c) Spongilla

## COELENTERATA/CNIDARIA

Because of the presence of Stinging cell known as Cnidocyte

### General Characteristic

- Habitat: All are Aquatic, mostly marine, few fresh water, both Sessile or free-Swimming.
- Level of Organisation: Tissue
- Symmetry: Radially
- Body Plan: Blind sac
- Germ Layer: Diploblastic
- Coelom: Acoelomate
- Metamerism: Absent
- Notochord: Absent

Coelenterates have **2 body forms**

- Polyp**
  - Cylindrical
  - Sessile
  - Asexual form
  - eg: Hydra, Adamsia
- Medusa**
  - Umbrella like
  - Free-swimming
  - Sexual form
  - eg: Aurelia

○ A few coelenterates exhibits alternation of generation also known as 'METAGENESIS'

i.e from **POLYP**  $\longrightarrow$  **MEDUSA**

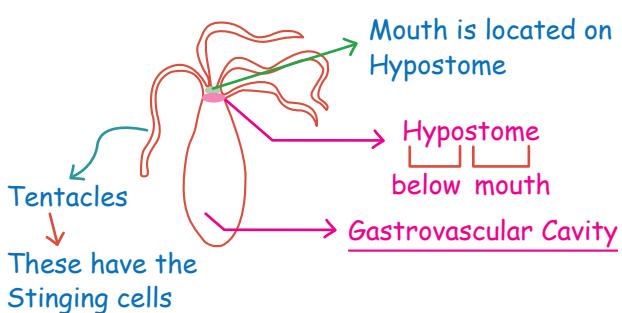
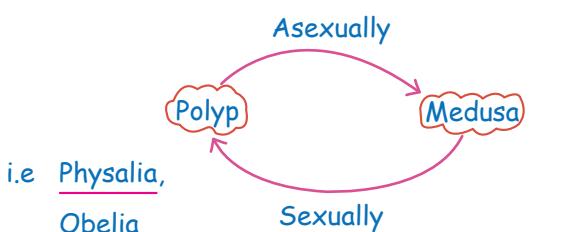


Figure: Hydra

- Corals have a skeleton composed of calcium carbonate

### STINGING CELL (Cnidoblast or Cnidocyte)

It has the **STINGING CAPSULE**: Nematocyst

#### FUNCTIONS:

- Offense & defense
- Capturing prey
- Anchorage

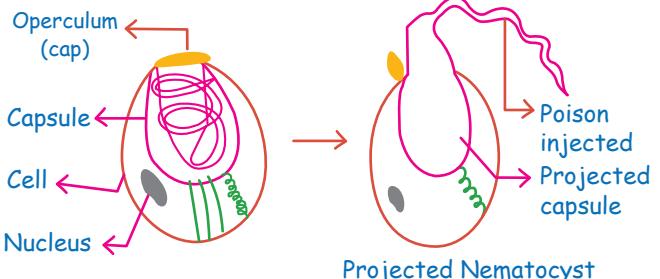


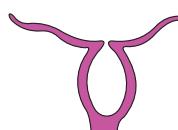
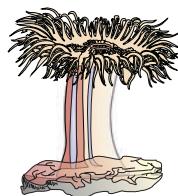
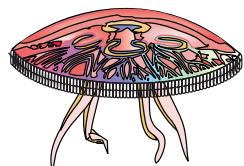
Figure: Cnidoblast

### PHYSIOLOGY

- Digestive system**: Incomplete digestive system, Both intracellular & extracellular
- Respiratory system**: Absent
- Circulatory system**: Absent
- Excretory system**: Absent

#### EX

- Hydra (Freshwater Polyp)
- Adamsia (Sea-anemone)
- Aurelia (Jellyfish)
- Obelia (Sea fur)
- Physalia (Portuguese man of war)
- Pennatula (Sea Pen)
- Gorgonia (Sea fan)
- Meandrina (Brain coral)



(a)

(b)

Figure: Examples of Coelenterata indicating outline of their body form

(a) Aurelia (Medusa)

(b) Adamsia (Polyp)

## CTENOPHORA



Commonly known as 'Sea- WALNUTS' or 'COMB-JELLIES', Sea Gooseberry

- They have 8 external rows of Ciliated Comb Plates

### USED FOR LOCOMOTION

- They show a property of Bioluminescence

Emission of light

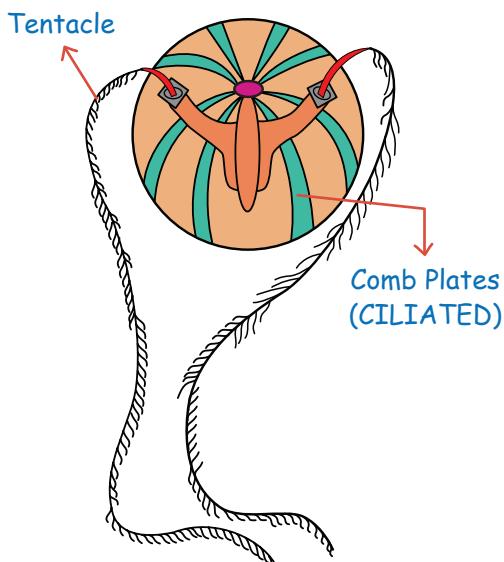


Figure: Example of Ctenophora (Pleurobrachia)

### General Characters

- Habitat\*: Exclusively Marine (V. Imp.)
- Level of Organisation: Tissue
- Body Plan: Blind Sac
- Symmetry: Radially
- Germ Layer: Diploblastic
- Coelom: Acoelomate
- Metamerism: Absent
- Notochord: Absent

### Physiology

- Digestive System: Incomplete, both extracellular & intracellular

- Respiratory System: Absent
- Circulatory System: Absent
- Excretory System: Absent
- Reproduction: Sexual, Bisexual
- Fertilisation: External
- Development: Indirect

eg. Pleurobrachia, Ctenoplana

## PLATYHELMINTHES

Flat Worms

- Habitat: Aquatic or terrestrial, free living or Endoparasite (within host)

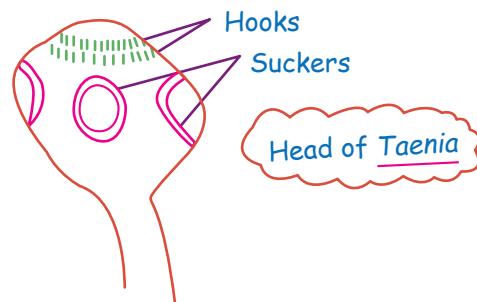
Mostly in **Animals**

Act as host including humans

- Level of Organisation: Organ or organ system
- Body Plan: Blind Sac
- Germ Layer: Triploblastic
- COELOM: Acoelomate
- Symmetry: Bilaterally
- Metamerism: Absent
- Notochord: Absent

### Parasitic Adaptations

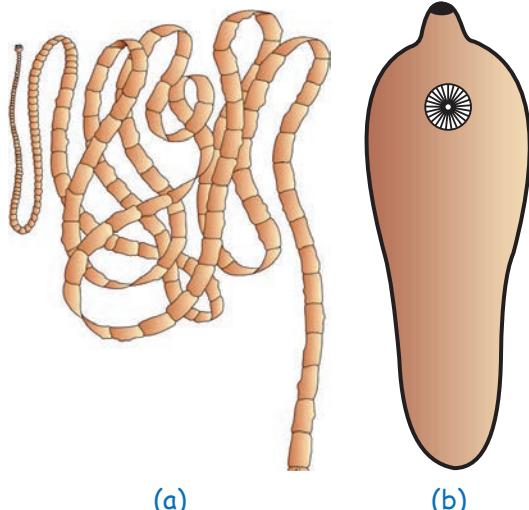
- Thick Tegument (prevent action of any Digestive enzymes)
- Some parasites may develop 'HOOK' for attachment to the host body.
- Some may also have 'SUCKERS' for absorbing nutrients from the host.
- Some have the capability to directly absorb nutrients from their body surface.



## Physiology

1. Digestive System: Incomplete
2. Respiratory System: Absent, Simple diffusion, general body surface
3. Circulatory System: Absent
4. Excretory System: 'Flame-cells' for Excretion & Osmoregulation
5. Reproduction: Bisexual
6. Fertilisation: eg: Taenia (tapeworm) [ Fasciola (liver Fluke) ]  
Internal ↓  
Parasitic
7. Development:  
Indirect Parasitic  
Free living Planaria  
High regeneration capacity

**NOTE** Free living Planaria  
High regeneration capacity



**Figure:** Examples of Platyhelminthes  
(a) Tapeworm      (b) Liver fluke

# ASCHELMINTHES/NEMATHELMINTHES/ NEMATODA

Commonly known  
as 'Roundworms'

Cross section: Appears Circular

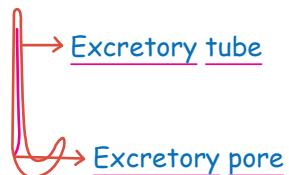
## General Characteristics

1. **Habitat:** Aquatic or terrestrial, free living or Parasitic  
\*(they can be parasitic for Plants as well as Animals).
2. **Level of Organisation:** Organ System
3. **Body Plan:** Tube within Tube
4. **Germ Layer:** Triploblastic
5. **Coelom:** Pseudocoelom

- 6. Symmetry: Bilateral
- 7. Metamerism: Absent
- 8. Notochord: Absent

## Physiology

1. **Digestive System:** A well developed muscular pharynx is associated with its Digestive system which helps in sucking of food with complete Digestive system
2. **Respiratory System:** Absent
3. **Circulatory System:** Absent
4. **Excretory System:** There is an excretory tube which eliminates the  $N_2$  waste via an excretory pore that opens outside



- 5. Reproduction: Unisexual
- 6. Fertilisation: Internal
- 7. Development: Direct & Indirect

eg: ○ Wuchereria (Filarial worm) → Elephantiasis  
○ Ancylostoma (Hookworm) Causes

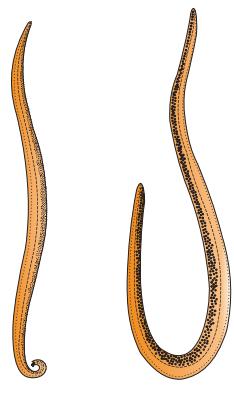
Figure 1. A schematic diagram of the experimental setup. The laser beam (1) is focused by a lens (2) onto a sample (3). The scattered light is collected by a lens (4) and focused onto a photomultiplier tube (5). The sample is held in a vacuum chamber (6).

## ○ *Ascaris* (Common roundworm): Asca

- **Ascaris** (Common roundworm): Ascaris

○ Male usually shorter → Usually longer

- Posterior tail is curved → Posterior tail is Straight

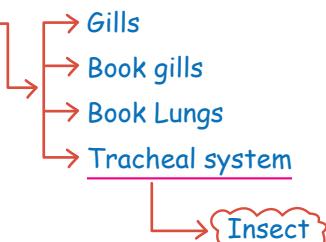


**Figure:** Aschelminthes: Roundworm

## Physiology

1. Digestive System: Complete

2. Respiratory System:



3. Circulatory System: Open Circulatory System

Known as  
(Color less Blood): Hemolymph

4. Excretory System: Malpighian tubules, green gland/antennary gland, which helps in Excretion, Osmoregulation.

5. Nervous System: Ganglions with Double Ventral Solid Nerve Cord.

6. Reproduction: Mostly unisexual.

7. Fertilisation: Usually Internal,

Mostly Oviparous

egg laying animals

8. Development: Direct and indirect Both.

9. Sensory structures: Eyes (Simple or compound), Antennae, Balancing structure "Statocyst"

## MOLLUSCA: Second Largest Phylum

Mollis  
Soft Bodied Animals

Body  
① Head  
② Visceral hump/mass  
③ muscular foot

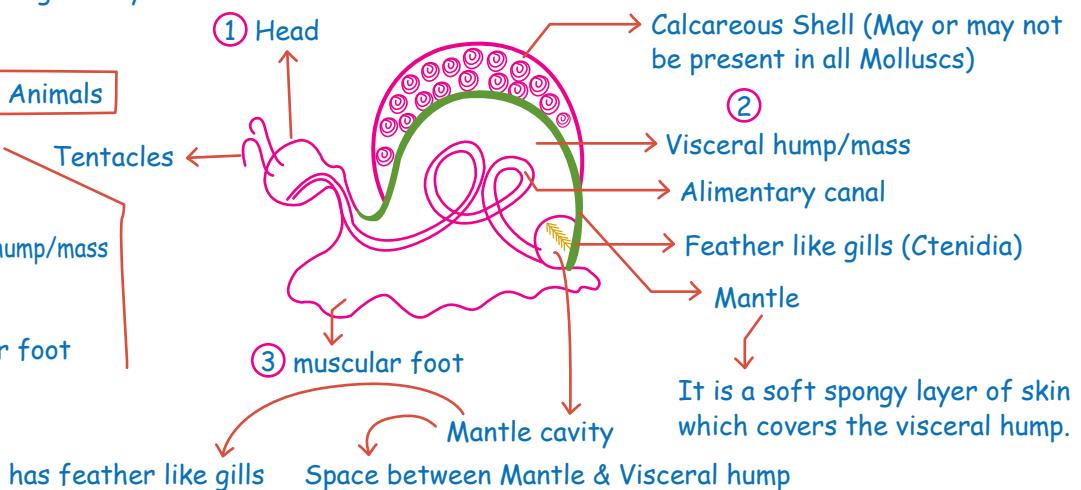


Figure: Body parts of Molluscs

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### Economically Important Insects

→ Apis (Honey bee)

→ Bombyx (Silkworm)

→ Laccifer (Lac insect)

### Insects as Vector

♀ Anopheles mosquito (Malaria)

♀ Aedes mosquito (Dengue, Chikungunya)

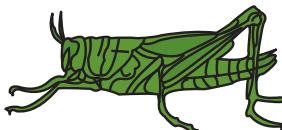
♀ Culex mosquito (Elephantiasis)

**Gregarious pest** → attack in groups

→ Locusta (Locust)

Other eg: Limulus (King Crab)

→ Living Fossil



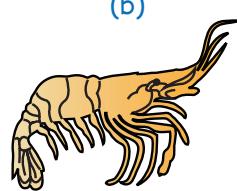
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(d)

Figure: Examples of Arthropods:

(a) Locust

(b) Butterfly

(c) Scorpion

(d) Prawn

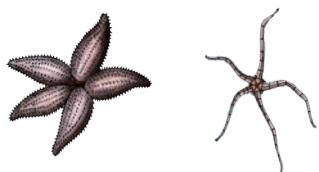


Figure: Examples of Echinodermata  
 (a) Asterias      (b) Ophiura

### HEMICHORDATA

- Earlier it was placed under Phylum chordata due to a structure similar to Notochord known as, 'Stomochord' but later it was found to have a different origin (Ectodermal) than Notochord (Mesodermal) hence placed under a separate phylum.

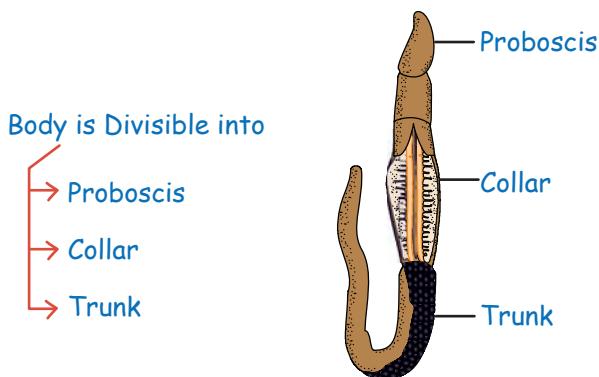


Figure: Balanoglossus

### General Characters

- Habitat: Exclusively Marine
- Level of Organisation: Organ System
- Body Plan: Tube within Tube
- Symmetry: Bilaterally
- Germ Layer: Triploblastic
- Coelom: Eucoelomate
- Metamerism: Absent
- Notochord: Absent

### Physiology

- Digestive System: Complete Digestive System
- Respiratory System: Gills
- Circulatory System: Open
- Excretory System: Proboscis gland
- Reproduction: Unisexual, Sexual
- Fertilisation: External
- Development: Indirect

eg: Balanoglossus  
Saccoglossus

Tongue worms

Table: Salient features of non-chordates. (ONLY those mentioned in NCERT) [ '-' Means NOT in NCERT ]

PHYLUM	Digestive System	Respiratory system	Circulatory system	Excretory system	Nervous system	Locomotion	Sensory structure	Reproduction	Fertilization	Development
Porifera	Absent Intracellular	Absent	Absent	Absent	—	—	—	Both Sexual and Asexual, Bisexual	Internal	Indirect
Coelenterata	Incomplete, Both intra & extra	Absent	Absent	Absent	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ctenophora	"	Absent	Absent	Absent	—	Comb Plates	—	Sexual, Bisexual	External	Indirect
Platyhelminthes	Incomplete	Absent	Absent	Flame cells	—	—	—	Bisexual	Internal	Indirect
Aschelminthes	Complete	Absent	Absent	Excretory tube	—	—	—	Unisexual, Sexual	Internal	Both
Annelida	"	Absent	Closed	Nephridia	Double ventral solid nerve cord	Parapodia, Muscles	—	Sexual both Unsexual and Bisexual	—	—
Arthropod	"	Gill, Book Gills, Book Lungs, Tracheal system	Open	Malpighian tubule	Double ventral solid nerve cord	—	Eyes, statocyst, antennae	Mostly Unisexual	Usually internal	Direct or Indirect

PHYLUM	Digestive System	Respiratory system	Circulatory system	Excretory system	Nervous system	Locomotion	Sensory structure	Reproduction	Fertilization	Development
Mollusca	"	Feather like gills	Both	Nephridia	—	—	—	Mostly Unisexual	—	Indirect
Echinoderm	"	Water vascular system	Open	Absent	—	Water Vascular System	—	Sexual Unisexual	External	Indirect
Hemichordata	"	Gills	Open	Proboscis gland	—	—	—	"	"	"

## PHYLUM CHORDATA

- Presence of dorsal notochord at any stage of life.
- Presence of dorsal nerve cord " " " "
- Presence of Paired pharyngeal gill slits
- Presence of Post anal tail

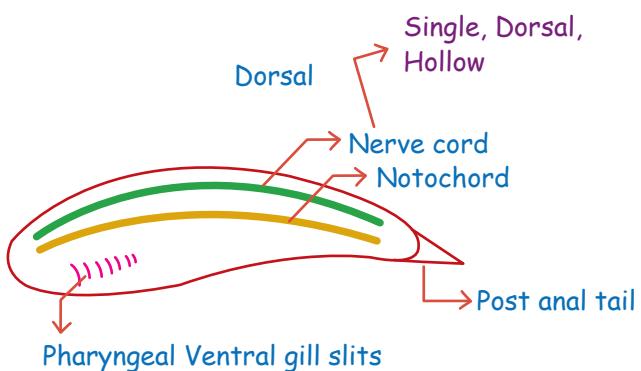


Figure: Chordata

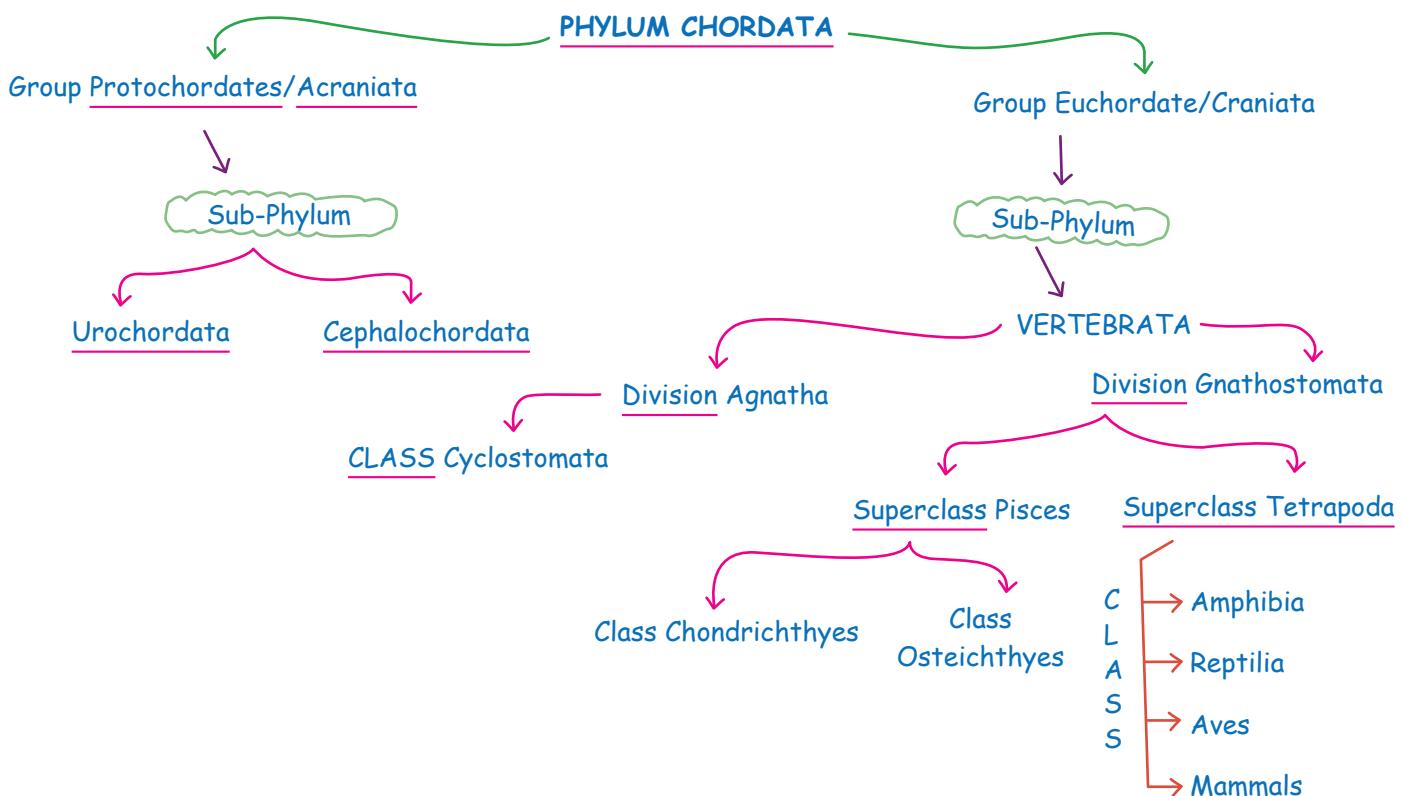
- Heart is usually ventral

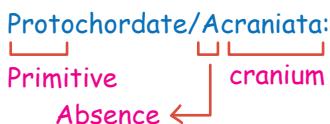
**NOTE**

Notochord & Nerve cord both are dorsal structure but Nerve cord is most Dorsal.

Table: Chordates vs non-chordates.

S.No.	Chordates	Non-chordates
1.	Notochord present.	Notochord absent.
2.	Central nervous system is dorsal hollow and single.	Central nervous system is ventral solid and double
3.	Pharynx perforated by gill slits	Gill slits are absent.
4.	Heart is ventral	Heart is dorsal (if present)
5.	A post-anal part (tail) is present	Post-anal tail is absent.





### Sub-Phylum: Urochordata

- Notochord is present only in the larval tail
- They are known as **Tunicates** as their body is covered with **Tunicin** which is made up of cellulose like substance.
- eg: Ascidia, Salpa, Doliolum



Figure: Ascidia

### Sub-Phylum: Cephalochordata

- Notochord is present from head to tail.
- eg: Branchiostoma (Amphioxus / lancelet)
- Euchordata / Craniata: True Chordates, Brain Box is Present.

### Sub-Phylum: VERTEBRATA

- Notochord is replaced by a vertebral column.
- Heart can be 2 / 3 / 4 chambered.
- Respiration through gills / Lungs.
- Paired appendages: Fins/Limbs may be present.
- Kidney for Excretion and Osmoregulation.
- Gonads present.

#### NOTE

ALL VERTEBRATES are CHORDATES But all CHORDATES are not VERTEBRATES

→ Division Agnathostome



- Jawless Vertebrates
- Division Gnathostomata
- Jawed Vertebrate

### Division Agnathostome

#### CLASS CYCLOSTOME:

- All are Aquatic
- They have **Circular, Suctorial** mouth without any jaws.
- All living members are **Ectoparasites** on Some Fishes.
- They have 6-15 pairs of gill slits for respiration.
- Scales & paired fins are absent.
- Cranium & vertebral column are **Cartilaginous**.
- They are **Marine** water animals but for spawning they migrate to freshwater.
- After spawning, the adults die & the larva develops into adult & migrates back to the marine water.

#### NOTE

Spawning : It means to lay egg & sperm \*

eg: Petromyzon (Lamprey), Myxine (Hagfish)



Figure: Jawless vertebrate- Petromyzon

### Division Gnathostome

#### SUPERCLASS PISCES

→ True Fish

#### General Characters:

- Aquatic
- **RESPIRATION GILLS**
- Heart 2 chambered, Single circulation
- Scales & fins present
- Nictitating membrane on eye for protection under water.
- Cold Blooded / Poikilothermal.

They do not have a fixed body temperature, instead it changes with the change in outer temperature.

- Eyelids are present

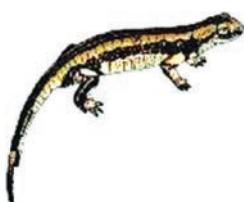
eg: Rana (Frog)

Bufo (Toad)

Hyla (Tree frog)

Ichthyophis (Limless Amphibian)

Salamandra (Salamander)



(a)



(b)

Figure: Examples of Amphibia (a) Salamandra (b) Rana

#### REPTILES

↳ Creeping & crawling animals

- First true land Vertebrates
- Tympanum represents external ear
- Cloaca is present
- Snakes & Lizard shed their skin as skin cast

eg: Alligator (Alligator)

Crocodilus (Crocodile)

Testudo (Tortoise)

Chelone (Turtle)

Chameleon (Tree lizard)

Calotes (Garden lizard)

Hemidactylus (Wall Lizard)

#### Poisonous Snakes

Naja (Cobra), Vipera (Viper)

Bangarus (Krait)

#### Non-poisonous

↳ Python



(a)



(b)



Figure: Reptiles: (a) Chameleon, (b) Crocodilus, (c) Chelone, (d) Naja

#### AVES

- Forelimbs are modified into wings, hindlimb with CLAWS: walk, hold.
- No glands except at the base of tail: Uropygeal gland/oil gland.
- Beak is present.
- \* Alimentary canal with additional chambers 
- Lungs provided with 'AIR-SACS' additionally to supplement Respiration.
- Bones are fully ossified (Bony) & Pneumatic (long Bones are Hollow).
- Cloaca is present
- The waste/excretory product: Paste/Pellet

eg: Pavo (Peacock)

Psittacula (Parrot)

Neophron (Vulture)

↳ Largest flightless bird

Struthio (Ostrich)

Corvus (Crow)

Aptenodytes (Penguin)

Columba (Pigeon)



(a)

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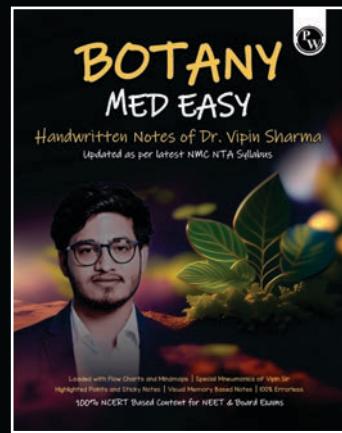
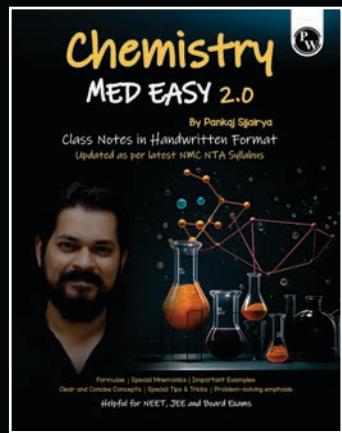
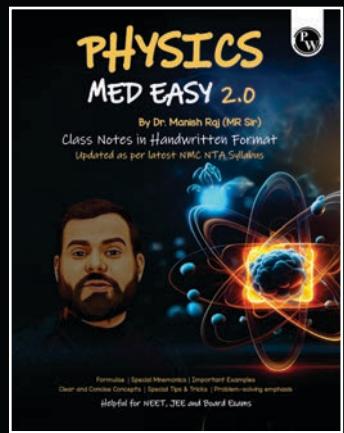
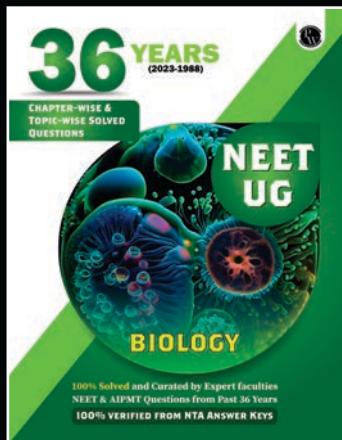
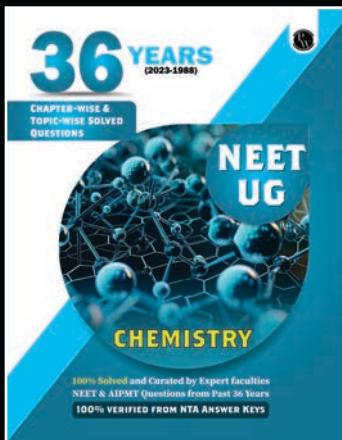
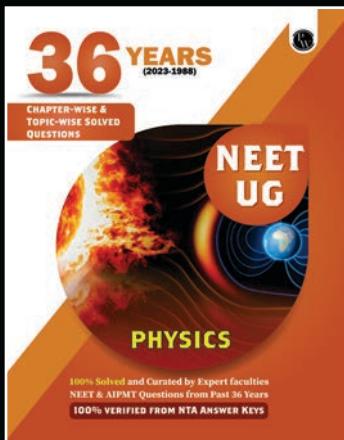
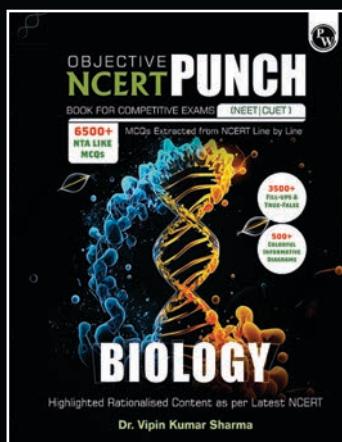
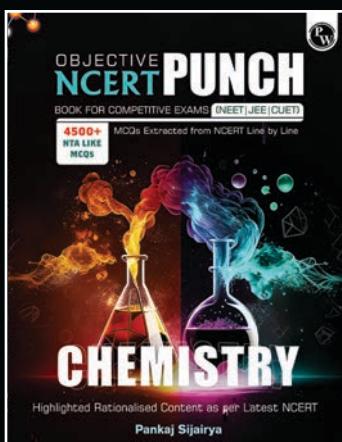
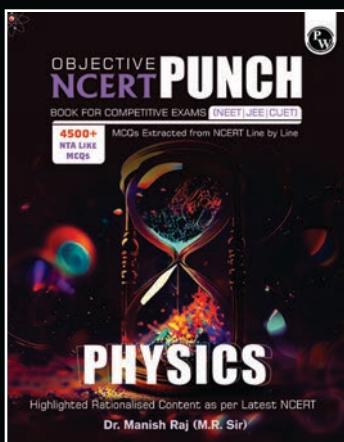


(c)

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Figure: Some birds: (a) Neophron (b) Struthio (c) Psittacula (d) Pavo

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