

Invertebrate or vertebrate worksheet

Whilst out exploring the Old Chalk New Downs project area or your school ground, record the different animals you see by working out if they are an invertebrate or vertebrate. Use the information below to help you out.

Sort the North Downs animal pictures and address cards into 2 groups, invertebrates and vertebrates. Write the names of the animals into the correct box below.

Invertebrates
Meadow Grasshopper

Vertebrates
Dormouse

Invertebrates are animals that don't have a backbone. Some have soft bodies like worms, slugs and jellyfish. Other invertebrates, like insects, spiders and crustaceans have a hard outer casing. This protects their body a bit like a suit of armour and is called an **exoskeleton**.

Vertebrates are animals that have a backbone inside their body. The major groups include fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.