

# SPAG and Reading Daily Tasks

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

# Incredible Invertebrates!

- 10 Invertebrates are a group of animals that do not have  
18 a back bone. Mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish and  
29 birds do not fit into this category because they all have  
38 vertebrae (spinal bones), but these animals make up less  
49 than 4% of all the animal species on Earth. This means  
58 that around 96% of animal species alive are invertebrates.  
66 These include marine invertebrates and molluscs, such as  
75 sponges, jellyfish and oysters, as well as crustaceans and  
82 insects, such as crabs, shrimp and butterflies.
- 91 The largest invertebrate ever recorded was a giant squid  
99 that measured 13m long. The smallest invertebrates are  
110 so tiny that they cannot be seen by the naked eye.



# Quick Questions



1. Write a short definition of the word 'invertebrate'.

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2. What percentage (%) of animals on Earth actually have spinal bones?

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3. Who do you think this information is for?

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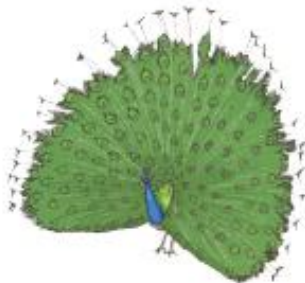
4. Write two questions that you could find the answers to in this text.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

Can you spot **two** mistakes in this sentence? Underline them and explain why they are incorrect.

As it proudly strutted along, the peacocks feather's were a fabulous sight.



a

Underline the fronted adverbial in this sentence.

During the ferocious storm, the weathervane spun wildly.



c

Add a suitable pronoun or noun phrase in the gap:

Louisa needed to get home as quickly as possible - \_\_\_\_\_ didn't want to miss her favourite TV show.

e

Can you think of words ending in the suffix -ation that match these definitions? Use a dictionary if you need to:

Getting things ready and organised.

Carefully watching something (e.g. in a science experiment).

b

Mr Whoops has accidentally jumbled up a pair of homophone words. Can you help him to unjumble them? (Remember, homophones sound similar but are spelt differently with different meanings).

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Add suitable determiners back into these sentences:

\_\_\_\_\_ healthy salad makes a delicious and nutritious lunch.

Why not add \_\_\_\_\_ egg for extra protein?



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# Answers on the following slides



# Answers



1. Write a short definition of the word 'invertebrate'.

**Accept any definition that states that invertebrates are creatures without spinal bones.**



2. What percentage (%) of animals on Earth actually have spinal bones?

**4%**



3. Who do you think this information is for?

**Accept an answer which states for children / those who do not know about invertebrates / people interested in the animal species.**



4. Write two questions that you could find the answers to in this text.

**Accept any questions that are correctly punctuated and whose answers can be directly retrieved from the text.**

Can you spot **two** mistakes in this sentence? Underline them and explain why they are incorrect.

**Possible answer: It should say feathers with no apostrophe as it is a plural and the apostrophe should be in peacock's.**



**a**

Underline the fronted adverbial in this sentence.

During the ferocious storm, the weathervane spun wildly.



**c**

Add a suitable pronoun or noun phrase in the gap:

Accept 'she' or any sensible noun phrase, e.g. 'the girl'.

**e**

Can you think of words ending in the suffix -ation that match these definitions? Use a dictionary if you need to:

Getting things ready and organised.

\_\_\_\_\_ **preparation** \_\_\_\_\_

Carefully watching something (e.g. in a science experiment).

\_\_\_\_\_ **observation** \_\_\_\_\_

**b**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **piece** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **peace** \_\_\_\_\_



**d**

Add suitable determiners back into these sentences:

\_\_\_**A**\_\_\_ healthy salad makes a delicious and nutritious lunch.

Why not add \_\_\_**an**\_\_\_ egg for extra protein?



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