



Badgery Science Fun 21

Invertebrates

Invertebrates are animals that don't have a backbone, (spine). They include such animals as:

Worms centipedes insects spiders crabs, etc. slugs and snails



Badgers like to eat invertebrates, particularly worms. (Yummy, eh?) They'll even break into wasps' nests to eat the grubs, etc. You can often find bits of wasp nest in badger dung pits.



Worms belong to the group of animals known as annelids. The name 'annelids' come from the French word *annelés*, or 'ringed ones'.

Centipedes are in the family known as myriapods. They are usually long and thin with usually more than 15 pairs of legs. They are fast-moving predators.

Insects all have 6 pairs of legs. They include flies, bees, wasps beetles and butterflies.

Spiders are members of the arachnid family. They have 8 legs.

Crabs, lobsters, prawns and even woodlice are crustaceans.

Slugs and Snails are members of the molluscs. Some have shells. Others don't.

Can you drag the pictures below into the right boxes?

Annelids	Myriapoda	Insects
Arachnids	Crustaceans	Molluscs

