

Chapter 21

Use with Section 2

ENRICHMENT**• Modern Classification****Animal Characteristics**

Animals are many-celled organisms that must obtain food to stay alive. Most animals can move about in the environment. About 95 percent of the known species of animals do not have backbones or skeletons inside their bodies. In the animal kingdom, animals are classified into nine main groups called phyla.

Use reference books and your textbook to find information to complete the table below.

Animal Phyla Characteristics		
Phylum	Common Name	Characteristics
Porifera		
Cnidaria		
Platyhelminthes		
Nematoda		
Annelida		
Mollusca		
Arthropoda		
Echinodermata		
Chordata		