CHAPTER 23

INVERTEBRATE DIVERSITY

#### **Vocabulary Practice**

collagen deuterostome radula sessile homeotic hemocoel homeobox filter feeder segmentation vertebrate polyp coelom invertebrate cuticle medusa

phylum mesoglea pseudocoelom

ossicle bilateral symmetry nematocyst

radial symmetry gastrovascular cavity water vascular system

complete digestive tract protostome

**A. What's the Difference?** For each pair of words below, describe the difference between the two terms.

1.	bilateral symmetry/radial symmetry
2.	vertebrate/invertebrate
3.	polyp/medusa
4.	protostome/deuterostome
5.	sessile/mobile

#### VOCABULARY PRACTICE, CONTINUED

**B. Who Am !?** Choose among these terms to answer the riddles below:

collagen	homeobox	protostome	
deuterostome	invertebrate	vertebrate	

- **1.** I am an animal with an internal segmented backbone:
- **2.** I am a three-stranded protein unique to animals:
- **3.** I am an animal without a backbone:
- **4.** I have a developmental pattern in which the anus develops first:
- **5.** I am a type of gene that defines the head-to-tail developmental pattern in animal embryos:
- **6.** I have a developmental pattern in which the mouth forms first:

filter feeder	mesoglea	radula
medusa	polyp	water vascular system

- **7.** I eat by straining particles from the water:
- **8.** I am a filelike feeding organ found in mollusks:
- **9.** I am the umbrella-shaped body form of a cnidarian:
- **10.** I am a series of water-filled radial canals that extend along each arm of a sea star:
- **11.** I am the cylindrical-shaped body form of a cnidarian:
- **12.** I am a non-cellular jelly-like material that separates the two tissue layers of a cnidarian:

#### VOCABULARY PRACTICE, CONTINUED

C. Secret Message Next to each definition, fill in the blanks with the vocabulary word that best fits each description. When complete, write the boxed letters in order in the blanks at the bottom of the page to discover the name of a famous zoologist.

<b>1.</b> Doesn't move	
<b>2.</b> Tiny interlocking plates that make up a sea star's skeleton	
<b>3.</b> Animal with a backbone	
<b>4.</b> Animal without a backbone	
<b>5.</b> Tough exoskeleton that must be shed so a roundworm can grow larger	
<b>6.</b> Fluid-filled space found in a roundworm	
<b>7.</b> Spaces between cells within a mollusk's tissues	
<b>8.</b> Major group of species defined by structure and function	
<b>9.</b> Class of genes that control early animal development	

Fill in the blanks with the boxed letters from above to name the famous zoologist:

**10.** Repeated sections of an annelid's body

**11.** Cnidarian stinging structure

#### VOCABULARY PRACTICE, CONTINUED

**D. Analogy Vocabulary Set** On one blank line next to each vocabulary word, write the letter and number of the definition that best matches. On the other blank line, write the letter and number of the analogy that best matches.

**DEFINITIONS** WORD **ANALOGIES D1.** Type of symmetry in which **1.** Cuticle \_\_\_\_\_ **A1.** Mirror-image an animal has body parts arranged in a circle around a central axis 2. Bilateral A2. Egg shell **D2.** Stinging structure symmetry\_\_\_\_\_ **3.** Radial symmetry\_\_\_\_\_ **D3.** Repeated sections of an **A3.** Harpoon annelid's body **D4.** Type of symmetry in which **4.** Segmentation \_\_\_\_\_ **A4.** Spokes on a wheel an animal's body can be split evenly over one plane **D5.** Tough exoskeleton **A5.** Cars on a train

**E. Categorize Words** List the vocabulary words that belong in each category.

coelom	mesoglea	polyp	segmentation
hemocoel	nematocyst	radula	water vascular system
medusa	ossicle		

**5.** Nematocyst \_\_\_\_\_

Cnidarian Anatomy	Annelid Anatomy
a.	a.
b.	b.
C.	
d.	
Mollusk Anatomy	Echinoderm Anatomy
a.	a.
b.	b.

## SEA ANEMONE

The sea anemone is so named because many of its forms greatly resemble the terrestrial flower known as the anemone. Most sea anemones range from 15 to 100 millimeters in diameter, although a few species are smaller and two giant species may have diameters of over a meter.

## Color structures A, A<sup>1</sup>, B and C, along with their corresponding titles. Then read below.

The *oral disc* is a circular area with an oval or slit-shaped *mouth* surrounded by hollow *tentacles*, which number from a few to several hundred. When a prey animal contacts the *tentacles*, it is paralyzed by the nematocysts and drawn into the *mouth* by the tentacles. The bulk of the body below the *oral disc* is called the *column*. It contains the digestive and reproductive systems. The body wall of the *column* is lined externally with *epidermis* and internally with *gastrodermis*. The middle *mesoglea* layer is true connective tissue with motile (amoeboid) cells and collagen fibers (see Plate 66).

Now color structures D through L and O through Q and their corresponding titles. Note the diagrammatic cross sectional views through the pharynx and gastrovascular cavity. The volume of the gastrovascular cavity is actually much greater and the septa are much thinner. The emphasis here is on the tissue arrangement of the septa rather than on realistic proportions. After coloring, read below.

The mouth, with its ring-like canal or ostium leads into the pharynx, which extends from one-half to two-thirds of the way down into the gastrovascular cavity. The pharynx, composed of an outer epidermis, a middle mesoglea, and an inner gastrodermis, is suspended from the oral disc and hangs down into the gastrovascular cavity like a circular curtain. It is stabilized by its attachments to the complete septa. Depending on the species, one or both sides of the mouth and pharynx will have a longitudinal groove called the siphonoglyph, which is lined with cilia that beat downward to create an incoming current of water. This current brings oxygen and some small particles of food into the pharynx and gastrovascular cavity. Elsewhere on the pharynx, cilia beat upward to remove water from the anemone, carrying with it carbon dioxide and other metabolic wastes. The cilia

reverse their direction of upward movement in the presence of food of any kind to help draw it into the gastrovascular cavity.

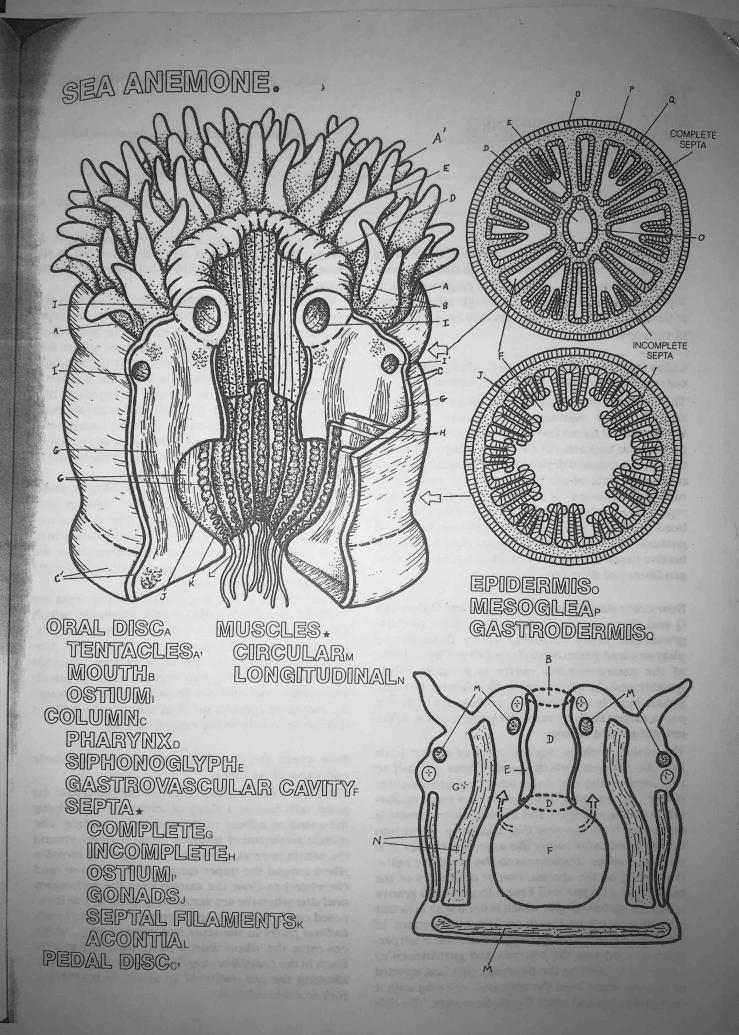
The interior of the column is divided up into sections by partitions called mesenteries or septa (singular: septum). At the oral end of the cavity there are paired complete septa, which extend all the way from the outer wall of the column to the centrally located pharynx, and between them are paired incomplete septa. Note the cellular arrangement of a septum: two layers of gastrodermis with an inner layer of mesoglea continuous with the mesoglea of the column and the pharynx. Retractor muscles (not shown in cross section but labeled M in the lowest illustration) are located in the mesoglea.

Toward the base of the anemone, the *pharynx* ends. Below the *pharynx*, only *incomplete septa* project into the *gastrovascular cavity* (see lower cross section). The septa have openings, called *ostia*, which allow water to pass from one compartment to the next. The *gonads* are located on the sides of the septa in the *gastrovascular cavity*.

The interior, lower, free margins of the septa are modified into cords called *septal filaments*, which contain numerous digestive glands and nematocysts. In some anemones the lower ends of these *septal filaments* extend beyond the septa as free filaments called *acontia*, which also contain digestive glands and nematocysts and can be protruded out through the mouth or through pores in the *column* wall for defense or to help in the capture of prey.

## Now color the remaining structures and their corresponding titles.

The base of the anemone is called the *pedal disc*. Its gland cells secrete a slimy or sticky mucus, helping the anemone adhere to the underlying surface. The muscle arrangement includes *circular fibers* around the *mouth* to retain prey until it is digested; *circular fibers* around the upper margin of the *column* (and elsewhere) to close the margin over the withdrawn oral disc when the sea anemone is disturbed or is exposed out of water by an extremely low tide; *longitudinal fibers* in the septa and *column* wall, which can cause the whole animal to shorten; and muscle fibers in the *pedal disc*, which create a strong suction, allowing the *sea anemone* to attach to underlying rock or other substrate.



### Sea Anemone

1.	How did the sea anemone get its name?
	What is the range in size of the sea anemone?
	What is the oral disc?
4.	What surrounds the mouth of the sea anemone?
5.	What happens to an animal that comes into contact with the tentacles?
6.	Where are the digestive and reproductive systems found?
7.	What are the 3 layers of the body called? Specify which is the outer, inner, and middle.
8.	What are the motile cells called?
9.	What makes up the mesoglea layer?
10.	What is the ring-like canal of the mouth?
11.	Describe what the pharynx is composed of and its position in the sea anemone.
12.	What is the longitudinal groove found on the sides of the mouth and pharynx?
13.	Why do the cilia beat down to create an incoming current of water?
14.	Why do some cilia beat upward?
15.	Why do the upward moving cilia sometimes change their motion?
16.	What are the ostia?
17.	Where are the gonads located?
18.	What is contained in the septal filaments?
19.	Describe where the acontia are located and why
20.	What is the base of the anemone?

21.	Why do the gland cells secrete a sticky mucus?
22.	What are two functions of the circular fibers?
23.	What can cause the animal to shorten?
24.	How do sea anemones attach to underlying rocks?

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Although there is no universal agreement, members of this class (Scyphozoa) are sometimes referred to as the "true jellyfish." The medusa stage, which has been emphasized to the near or complete elimination of the polyp stage, has an extremely thick layer of the jellylike mesoglea making up the major portion of the body mass. While medusae of the class Hydrozoa rarely exceed 3 or 4 centimeters in diameter, Scyphozoan medusae are usually large enough to be conspicuous. Aurelia, which is illustrated in this plate and which is very common on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the U.S., frequently reaches a diameter of more than 30 centimeters. An Arctic jellyfish, Cyanea artica, can reach the impressive diameter of 2 meters. Carefully compare the subject of this plate with Gonionemus on the previous plate.

Color structures A through F and their corresponding titles. In the middle drawing, color the entire subumbrellar surface, including the radial canals with the color used for E (but do not include G, H, J, or K). Then continue reading below.

The body plan is relatively simple, with a layer of epidermis on the upper and lower surface of the bell (or umbrella), a layer of gastrodermis lining the gastrovascular cavity, and a mass of mesoglea filling all the rest of the body. The mesoglea contains a number of scattered amoeboid cells, which are not found in the mesoglea of hydrozoans. The convex upper surface is called the exumbrellar surface and the concave lower surface is called the subumbrellar surface. Around the margin of the umbrella, the subumbrellar surface contains a nerve net and a circular muscle layer responsible for the swimming pulsations of the bell.

Now color structures G through N and their corresponding titles. Then read below. The lowest

drawing demonstrates the arrangement of canals. The oral arms and mouth have been deleted. Do not color the subumbrellar surface between radial canals.

The opening to the gastrovascular cavity is through the centrally located mouth. The mouth is surrounded by the nematocyst-equipped oral arms, which are a drawn-out manubrium (see Gonionemus). These oral arms function in capturing small organisms and transferring them to the mouth. The mouth opens into the gullet, which leads to the stomach. The stomach opens into the four gastric pouches, which open into the many radial canals of the umbrella. These radial canals lead into the ring canal. Digestion occurs within the stomach and canals of the gastrovascular cavity. These canals assure distribution of nutrients to all parts of the jellyfish. The four U-shaped gonads are located in the floors of the gastric pouches. Gametes (sperm cells and egg cells) are released into the gastric pouches, from which they pass out through the mouth. Fertilization usually occurs in the folds of the oral arms, and the fertilized egg breaks free to form a larva with an independent existence.

Now color the remaining structures (O and P) and their titles. Then read below.

The margin of the umbrella is fringed with delicate tentacles too small to be colored in this plate. This margin is further divided into eight sections by indentations, each of which contains a projection called a *rhopalium* (pl. rhopalia). Each *rhopalium* contains a set of sensory receptors, including a light sensor, two chemical sensors, and a balance sensor. The *rhopalium* is somewhat protected by a pair of tissue flaps called *lappets*, which some investigators think may also have a sensory function.

# COMMON JELLYFISH (AURELIA).

BODY PLAN.
EPIDERMIS.
MESOGLEA.
GASTRODERMIS.

EXUMBRELLAR SURFACE. \* \
SUBUMBRELLAR SURFACE.
NERVE NET/GIRCULAR MUSCLE.
ORAL ARMS.

GASTROVASCULAR CAVITY\*
MOUTH\*
GULLET\*
STOMACH\*
GASTRIC POUCH\*
RADIAL CANAL\*
RING CANAL\*

GONADS

SENSORY RECEPTORS \*
RHOPALIUM:
LAPPET

