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**Reading Comprehension**  
**Classification**

**Instructions:** Read the informational text below.

Vertebrates are animals with backbones. Mammals, amphibians, fish, reptiles and birds are vertebrates. Human beings, rabbits and bears are mammals. Toads and frogs are amphibians. Groupers, Snappers and Blue Marlin are fish. Snakes, alligators and turtles are reptiles. Pink Flamingos, Parrots, Parakeets and Hummingbirds are birds. All animals that have a backbone are called vertebrates.

Invertebrates are animals without a backbone. Spiders and insects are invertebrates. Some spiders are Tarantulas and Wolf Spiders. Some insects are bees, grasshoppers, ants, butterflies, mosquitoes and cockroaches. Any animal that does not have a backbone is an invertebrate.

**Instructions:** Complete the chart below using the information that you read. Write five animals from the text that are vertebrates under the heading **VERTEBRATE**. Write five animals from the text that are invertebrates under the heading **INVERTEBRATE**.

Vertebrate	Invertebrate