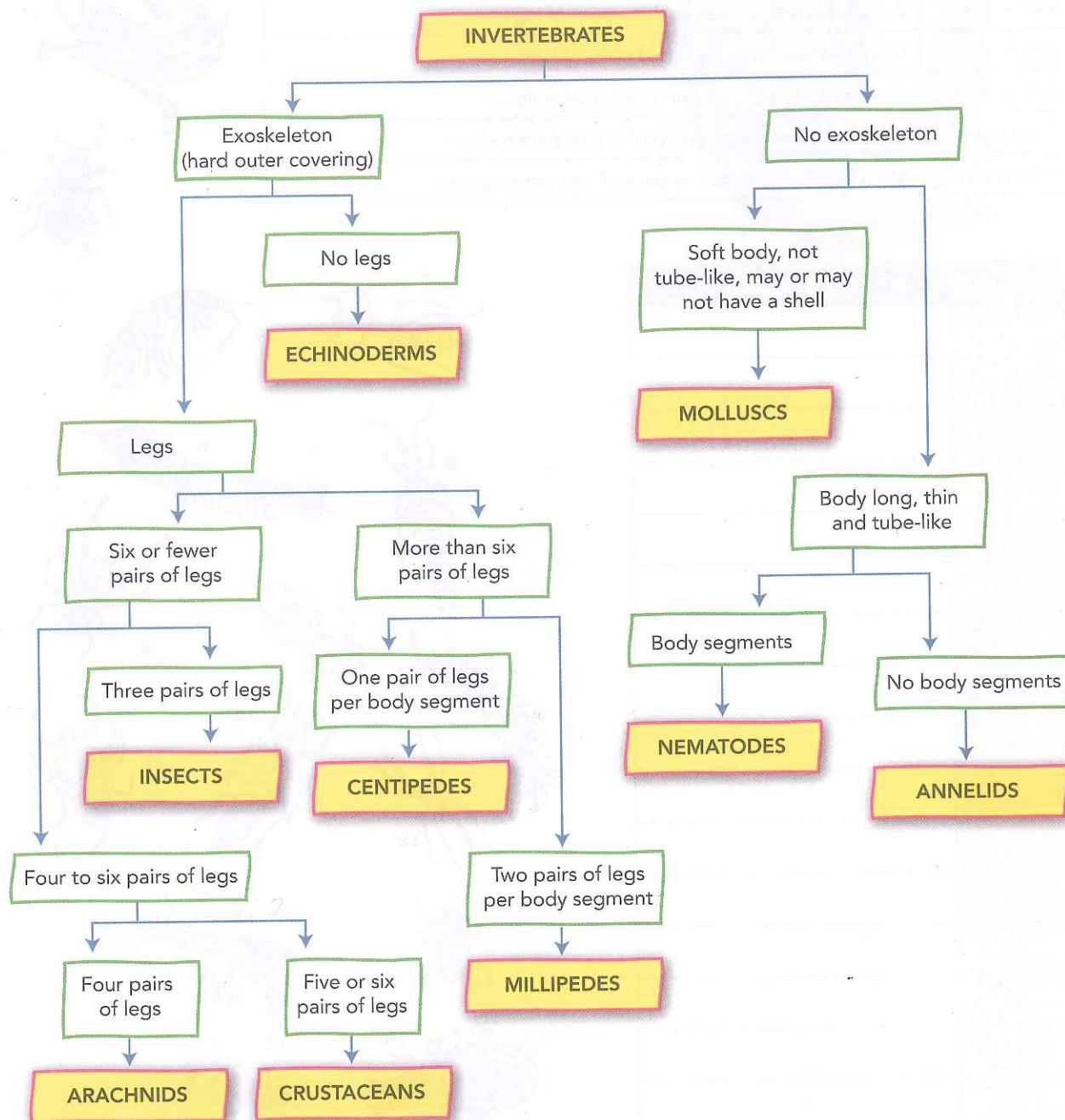


## 2.6.2 Another way to do it

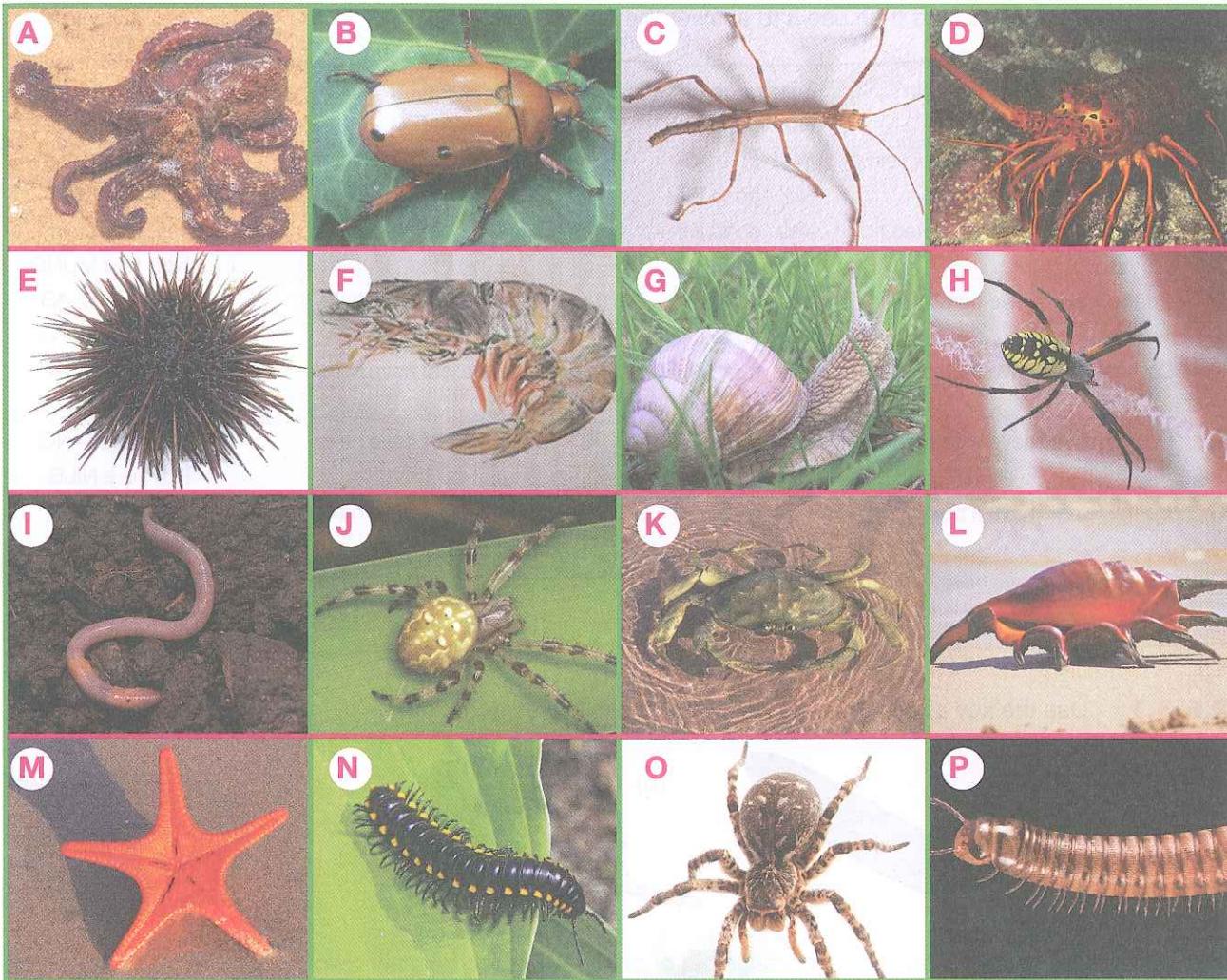
### 2.6.2.1

The flow diagram below is a classification tool known as a **dichotomous key**. Each section of the chart divides into two new sections as the criteria for classification become more specific (hence the di-). This chart can be used to distinguish between some (not all) common invertebrate animals (animals who do not have a backbone). Note that an **exoskeleton** is a hard, protective layer on the outside of the body.

Use the diagram below to identify the animals pictured on the next page.



## 2.6 Using keys to identify organisms



A		E		I		M	
B		F		J		N	
C		G		K		O	
D		H		L		P	