1/ Định nghĩa:

Invertebrates are animals that do not have backbones, also called vertebrae or spinal bones, such as spiders, insects, mollusks, lobsters and crabs.  It is estimated that as much as 97% of all animal species are invertebrate.

2/ **Động vật không xương sống có bốn đặc điểm chung:**

- They do not have a backbone.

- They are multicellular. All the cells have different responsibilities in keeping the animal alive.

- They have no cell walls, like all other animals.

- They reproduce by two reproductive cells, or gametes, coming together to produce a new organism of their species.

3/ Sự thật thú vị về động vật không xương sống:

* + Around 23 percent of all marine organisms are mollusks.
  + The only hard body part of an octopus is a hooked beak at the end of its tentacles.
  + Some invertebrates, such as echinnoderms, do not have heads.
  + There are likely milions of invertebrates living in your house right now. They are called dust mites and you can’t see them.

## 4/ Fascinating Invertebrate Facts: ( Sự kiện hấp dẫn về động vật không xương sống )

**THE BIGGEST**

The giant cranch squid is the largest squid species in terms of mass. At over 40 feet long, it is the largest known invertebrate. The longest invertebrate is the ribbon worm which can grow to 180 feet long.

**THE SMALLEST**

The smallest, the wheel animal, is too small to see with your eyes.

**THE FASTEST**

Tiny mites are the fastest animals in the world when it comes to body size.

**THE LONGEST LIVED**

Clams can live over 400 years. Some corals live even longer.

### 5/ Additional Facts:

* + Most invertebrates change form as they grow, going through a process known as metamorphosis.