

# SCIENCE EXPLORATIONS

WEB QUEST

## LEECHES AT LARGE

Explore the Web Quest online and use the space below to record what you learn.



### QUESTIONS

1. Leeches have no spines or backbones, so they are called "invertebrates." What percentage of the world's animals is invertebrate, and what percentage has backbones, like you and me?

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2. Describe how scientists catch leeches in the wild. How do scientists take advantage of the fact that leeches are "parasites" when they are trying to collect them?

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3. Explain one way that leeches can help people.

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4. Explain mechanical leeches. How are they like real leeches? What are they used for?

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5. Compare and contrast a leech's body before and after it's eaten a meal. Describe the changes.

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6. Identify the different parts of a leeches' body. How many body segments and suckers do leeches have? How do they use the suckers?

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