

## Section 33–3 Form and Function in Chordates (pages 857–864)



### Key Concept

- How do the organ systems of the different groups of chordates carry out essential life functions?

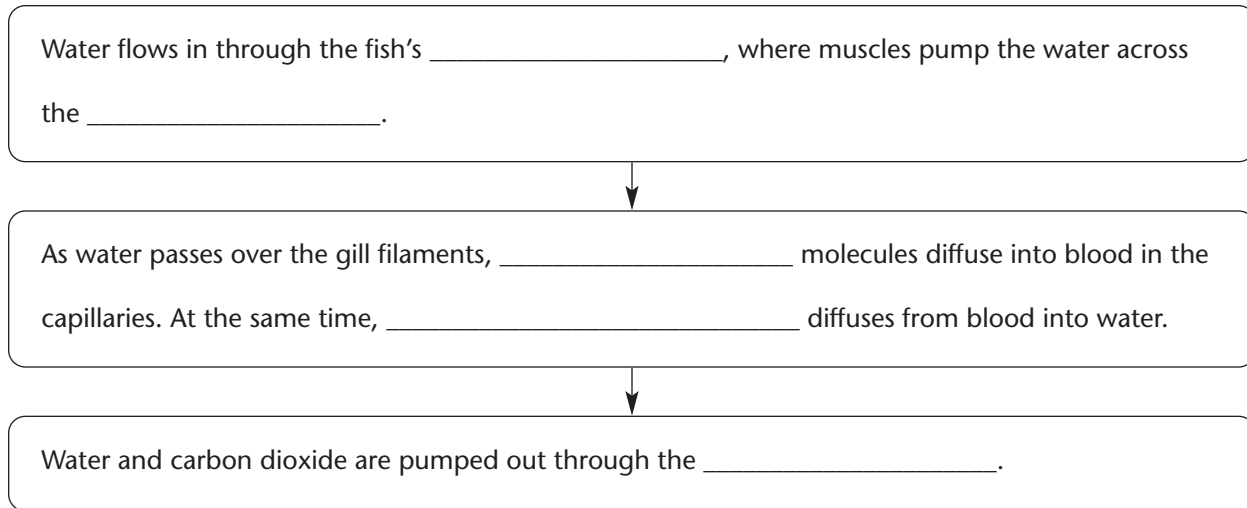
### Feeding (pages 857–858)

1. Most tunicates and all lancelets are \_\_\_\_\_. They remove plankton from the water that passes through their \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Circle the letter of the vertebrates that are filter feeders.  
a. tunicates    b. flamingoes    c. manta rays    d. crocodiles
3. What adaptations do vertebrates have to feed on nectar? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Is the following sentence true or false? Mammals with sharp canine teeth and incisors are filter feeders. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Circle the letter of the vertebrates that typically have short digestive tracts that produce enzymes.  
a. herbivores    b. endotherms    c. carnivores    d. ectotherms

### Respiration (pages 858–859)

6. Is the following sentence true or false? Generally, aquatic chordates use lungs for respiration. \_\_\_\_\_
7. List three examples of respiratory adaptations or structures used by chordates in addition to gills and lungs.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Describe the basic process of breathing among land vertebrates. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the following sentence true or false? Mammals typically have more surface area in their lungs than amphibians. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Bubblelike structures in the lungs that provide an enormous surface area for gas exchange are called \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Complete the flowchart that describes the path of water as it moves through a fish. See Figure 33–9 on page 859.



12. Why do mammals need large amounts of oxygen? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Why are the lungs of birds most efficient? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Circulation (pages 860–861)**

14. Is the following sentence true or false? Chordates that use gills for respiration have a single-loop circulatory system. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Identify where the blood is carried in each loop of a double-loop circulatory system.

First loop: \_\_\_\_\_

Second loop: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Is the following sentence true or false? In a double-loop system, oxygen-poor blood from the heart is carried to the body. \_\_\_\_\_

17. In vertebrates with gills, the heart consists of \_\_\_\_\_

18. What is the advantage of the reptilian heart over the amphibian heart? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. Why is a four-chambered heart sometimes described as a double pump? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Excretion (page 861)**

20. In nonvertebrate chordates and fishes, \_\_\_\_\_ play an important role in excretion. However, most vertebrates rely on \_\_\_\_\_.
21. Circle the letter of each chordate that eliminates nitrogenous wastes as urea.
- a. tunicates            c. birds  
b. reptiles            d. mammals
22. How do vertebrate kidneys help maintain homeostasis? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Response (page 862)**

23. Is the following sentence true or false? Nonvertebrate chordates have a complex brain with distinct regions. \_\_\_\_\_
24. Circle the letter of the part of the brain that controls the function of many internal organs.
- a. medulla oblongata            c. olfactory bulbs  
b. optic lobes            d. cerebrum
25. Is the following sentence true or false? The cerebrum and cerebellum are most developed in birds and mammals. \_\_\_\_\_

**Movement (page 863)**

26. Although nonvertebrate chordates lack bones, they do have \_\_\_\_\_.
27. What structures make it possible for vertebrates to control movement? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Reproduction (page 864)**

28. Is the following sentence true or false? Vertebrate evolution shows a general trend from internal to external fertilization. \_\_\_\_\_
29. Circle the letter of development in which the eggs develop internally and the embryos receive nutrients from the yolk surrounding them.
- a. oviparous            c. viviparous  
b. ovoviviparous            d. asexual