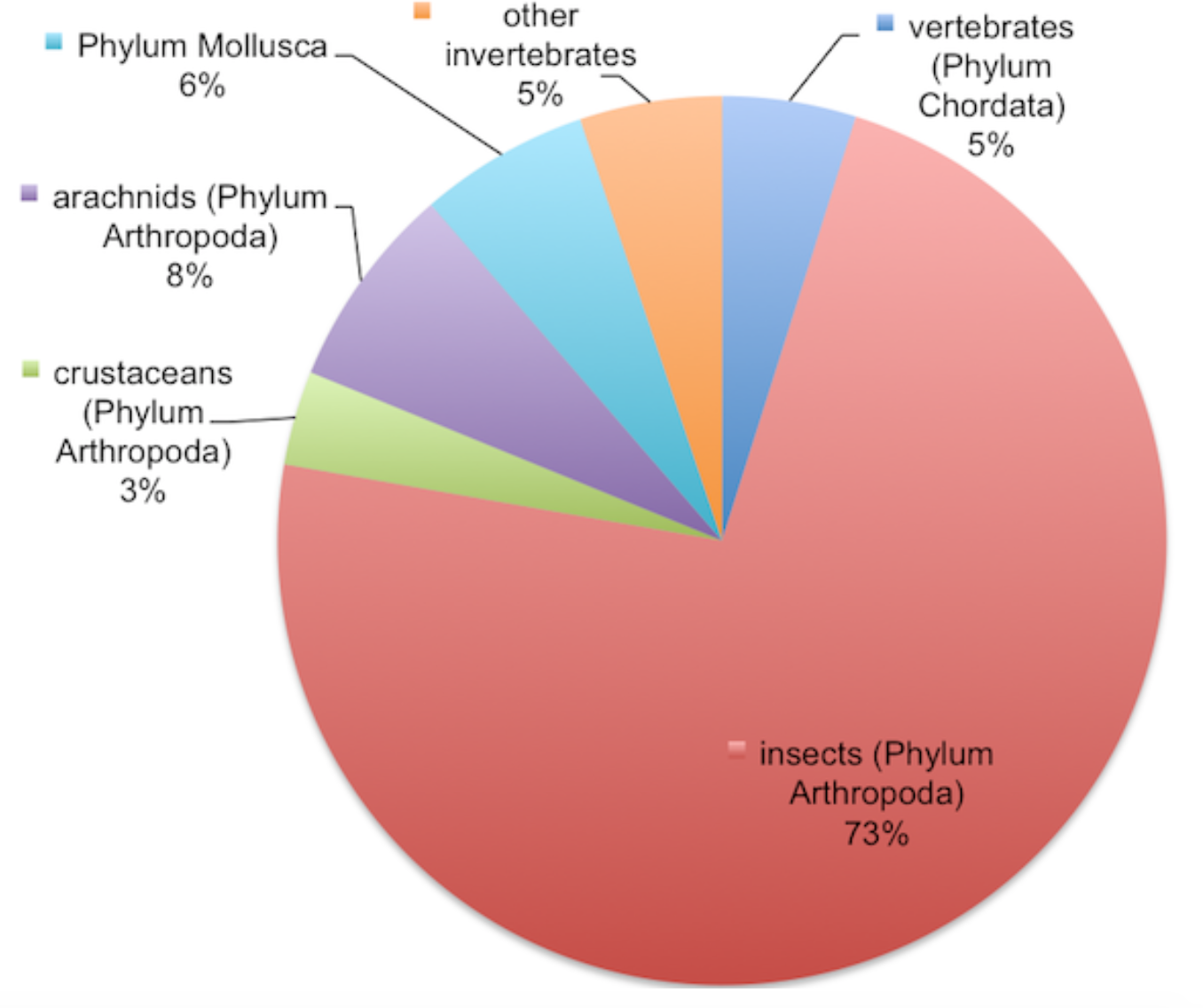
**Directions:**

* **Copy pie chart and sentences below.**
* **Read the article.**
* **Fill in the blanks.**



1. Most people when asked about animals will name a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, such as birds, mammals, reptiles, and fish.
2. However, the vast majority of species on Earth are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (animals without a backbone).
3. Only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_% of animals on Earth are vertebrates, the rest are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ total animal phylum and insects (aka \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ phylum) account for the highest number of species.
5. Scientists estimate approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ million animal species exists today.