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gnath·o·stome  (năth ə-stōm')

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n.

Any of numerous animals of the group Gnathostomata, consisting of all vertebrates with jaws and including the mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes except for lampreys and hagfishes.

[From New Latin *Gnathostomata*, taxon name : Greek *gnathos*, jaw; see **genu-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Greek *stoma*, *stomat-*, mouth.]

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