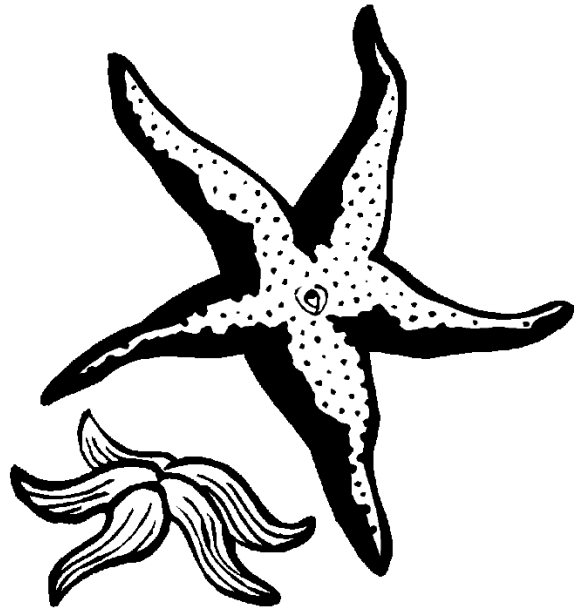


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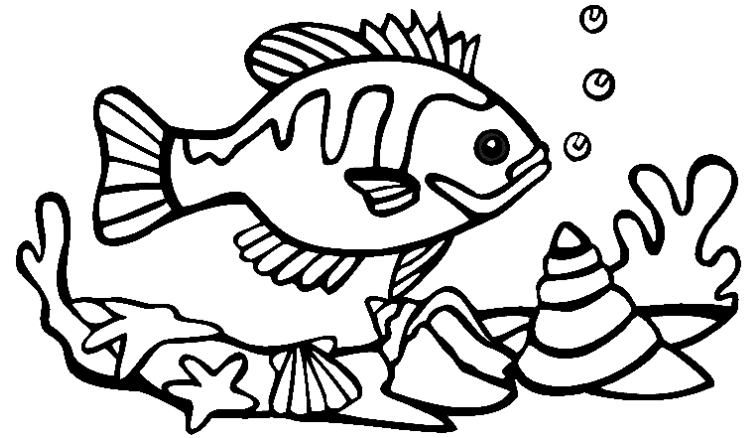
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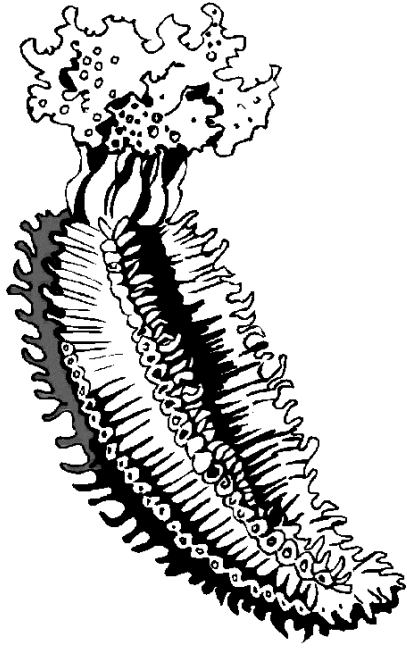
What can you find when the tide goes out?

You will find starfish on the rocks. Starfish eat mussels, clams and oysters. Starfish can be brown, orange, red or purple. If a starfish loses an arm, it can grow it back. How many arms can a starfish have?

Starfish are called echinoderms. What does that mean?



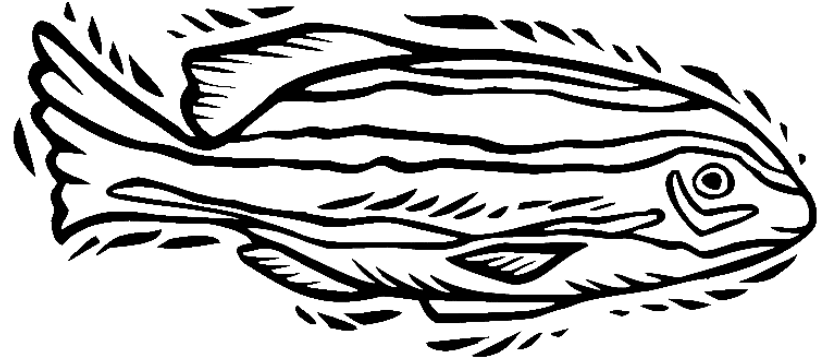
1. Starfish are _____.
2. Blennies eat _____.
3. Crabs have _____ walking legs.
4. Oysters eat _____.
5. A sea cucumber is an _____.



Under a big rock, you could see a sea cucumber. A sea cucumber is an echinoderm, like a starfish. Sea cucumbers eat algae and bits of plant life in the sea. Sea cucumbers can be different colours, but many are a reddish colour.

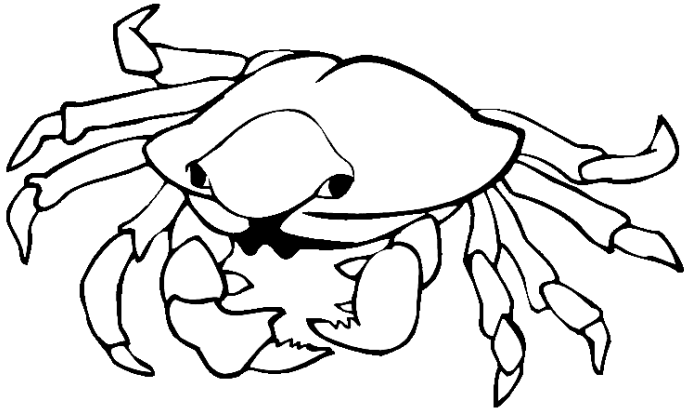
A sea cucumber is shaped like a tube —like a cucumber!

How big is a sea cucumber?



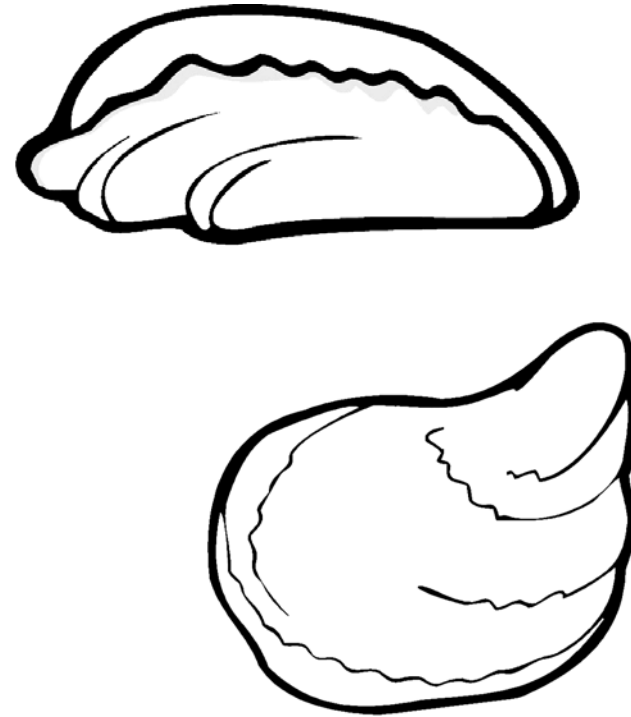
Under the rocks you might find little blennies. Blennies are little fish that live in both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. They eat algae and barnacles. Blennies move fast when you lift up the rock!

Why are the blennies under the rocks?



Under rocks you might find little crabs. Crabs are arthropods. What does that mean?

All crabs have 8 walking legs and two claws. They walk sideways. Crabs breathe underwater using gills. They eat tiny algae and plankton. How big can crabs grow?



When the tide goes out, you may see oysters. An oyster bed is a place where many oysters live.

Oysters belong to a group called mollusks. Clams are mollusks, too. Oysters have gills. Oysters eat algae. Starfish and humans eat oysters.

Have you ever eaten an oyster?