



Marine Reader Series

Sea Creatures



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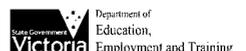
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Dolphins

Dolphins play in the waves.

A group of dolphins is called a pod.

They dive under the water to catch fish.

People dive under the water too.



Sharks

A shark is a big fish.

This shark has sharp teeth.

This shark eats other fish.



Are all sharks dangerous?

Have you ever eaten a piece of shark?

Fish

Fish swim in the sea.

A fish uses its tail to help it swim.

This fish swims fast.



How do fish breathe?

How do fish move?

What is a group of fish called?



Whales

Whales are animals that swim in the sea.
They can leap out of the water.

Octopus

This is a small octopus.
It is very dangerous.



Sea turtles

Sea turtles live in the sea.

Female sea turtles lay their eggs in the sand.

They crawl slowly up the beach.



What covers a sea turtle's body?

What shape are its legs?

Can sea turtles breathe underwater?

Seals

Seals rest on the sand.

They swim in the water and catch fish.

Seals play in the water.



Is a seal a fish?

What is a young seal called?



Penguins

Penguins cannot fly, but they are very good swimmers.

Penguins like to eat fish.

Seals, sharks and killer whales like to eat penguins.

Sea urchins

Sea urchins are small animals.

They are covered in spines.

Their spines can hurt us.



Have you ever found a sea urchin shell?

Crabs

Crabs like to hide under rocks and in the sand.

They come out to find food.



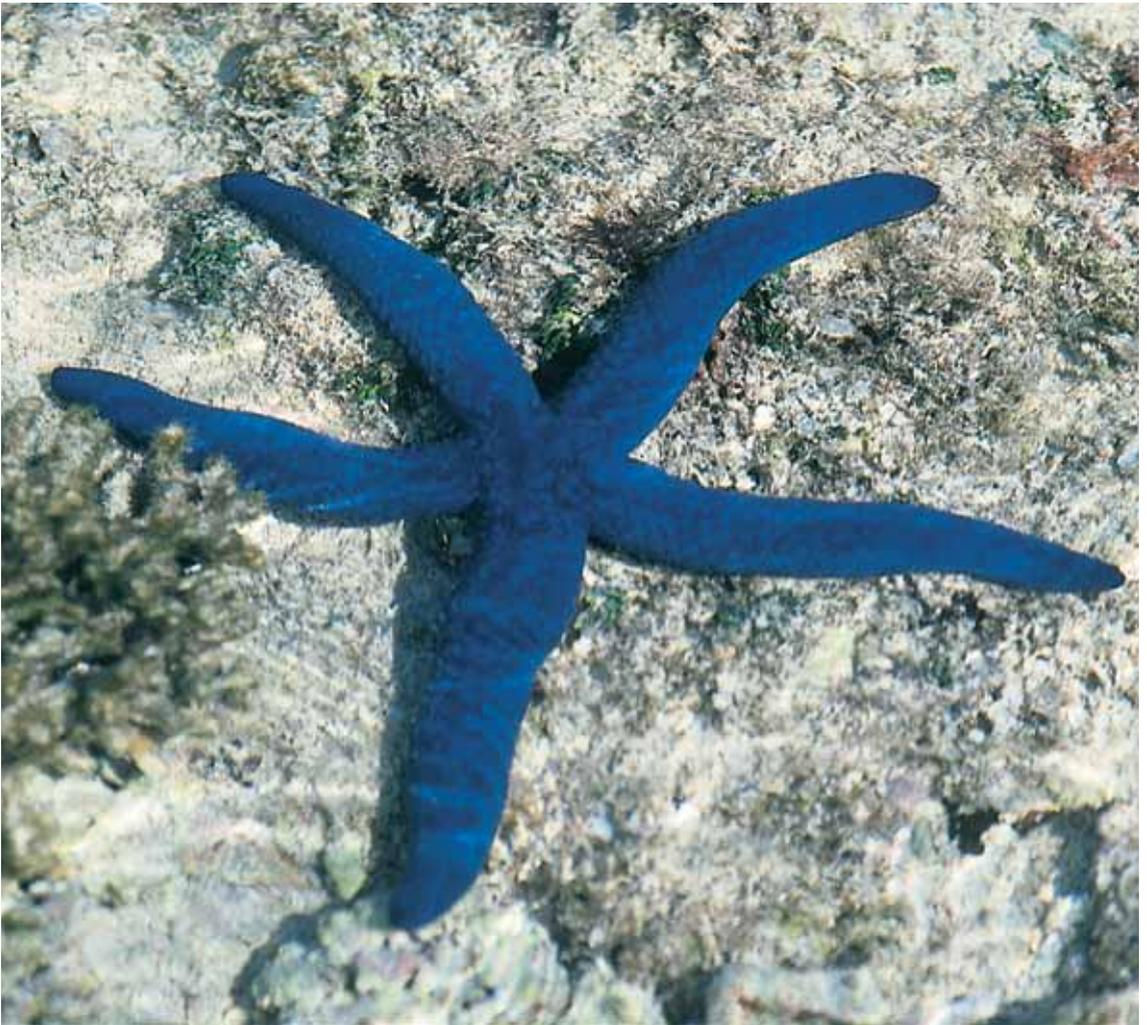
Have you ever been nipped by a crab?

Sea stars

This sea star has five arms.

Its sticky suckers help it move over the rocks.

The sea star has a mouth in the middle of its body.



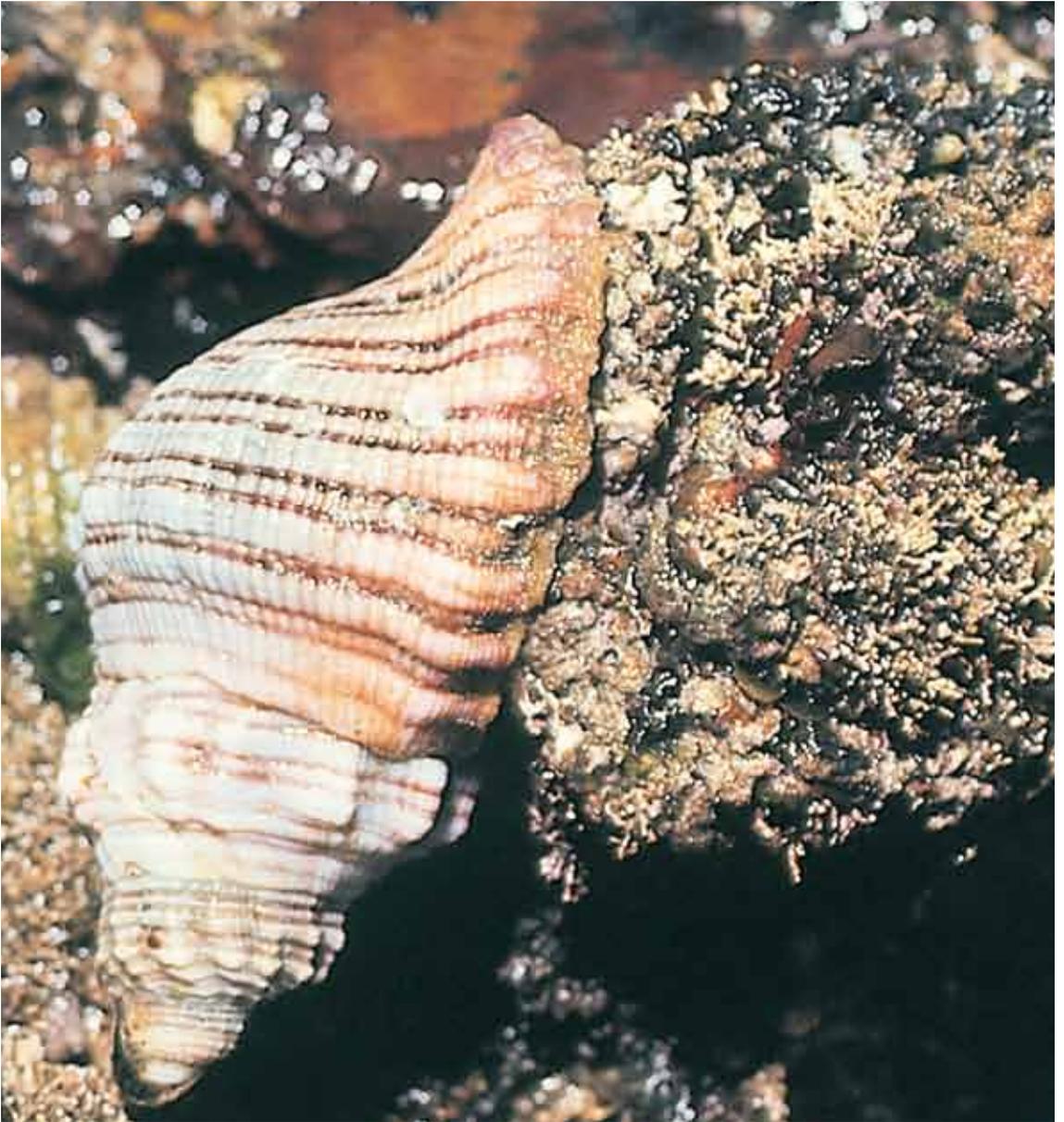
How does a sea star eat?

Shrimps

Shrimps swim in shallow rock pools.
They hide in the seaweed.



Can you see the shrimp in the picture?



Sea snails

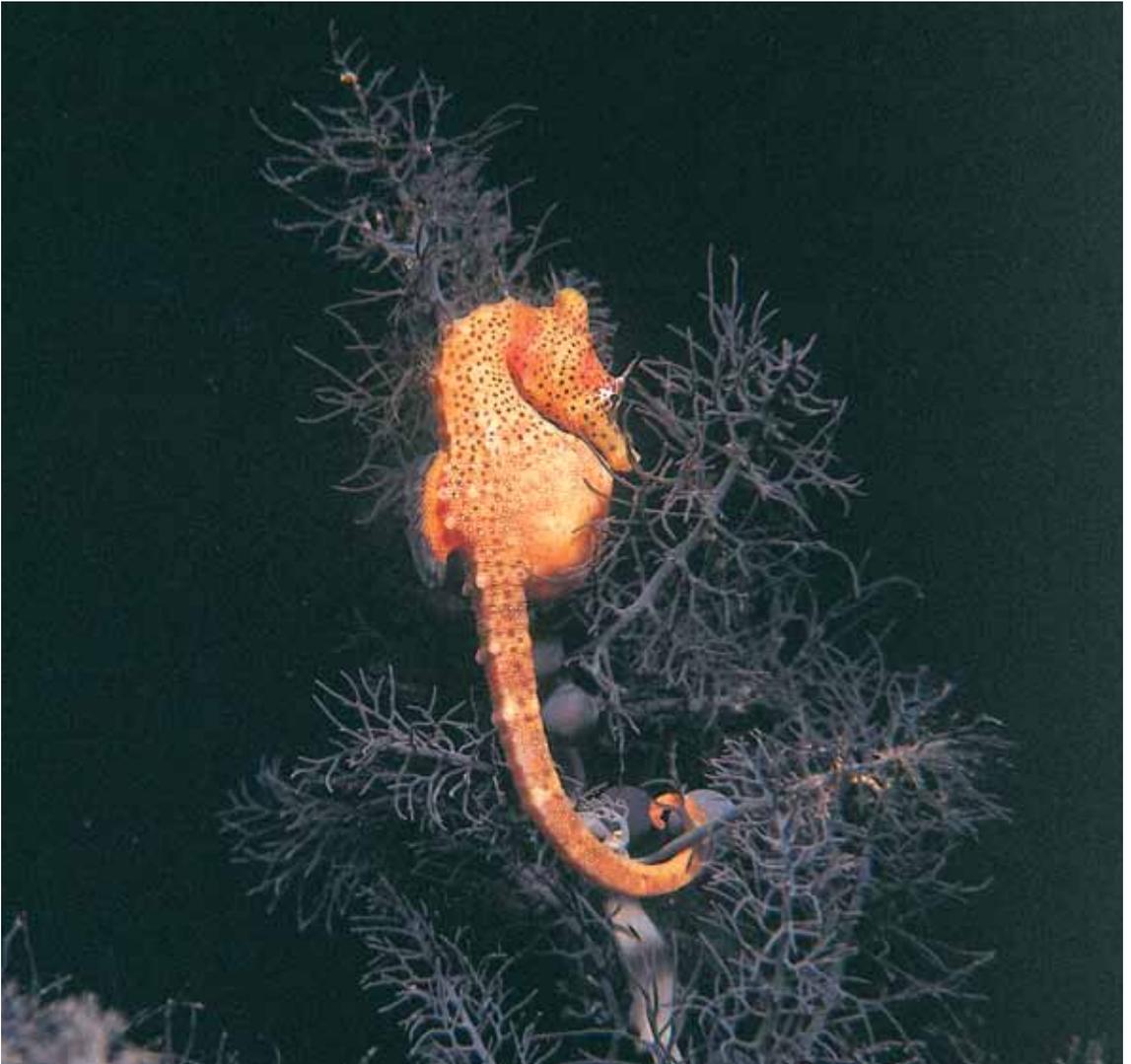
A sea snail carries its shell on its back.
It has a sticky foot to hold onto the rocks.
Big waves hit the rocks.
The snails are still there.

Seahorses

Seahorses are not very good swimmers.

This seahorse is using its tail to hang onto the seaweed.

The father seahorse has a pouch.



What does the father seahorse use its pouch for?

Sea creatures

Aboriginal people paint pictures of sea creatures.



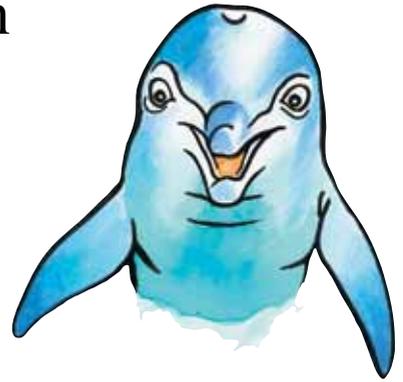
Can you see the dolphin and the turtle?

Can you see the crab?

What else can you see?

Glossary

fin	body part on a fish that helps it swim
float	sit on top of the water
pod	a group of dolphins or whales
pouch	like a pocket
pup	young dog or seal
rock pool	pool of sea water among rocks at low tide
school	a group of fish, or a place where children learn
shell	hard outside part of an animal that helps to protect its soft body
spines	pointed body parts for protection
sucker	body part that sticks to smooth things



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