Rockpool fact card - Hermit Crab



Hermit crabs use the old shells of other animals as their home which they carry on their back. When they get too big for the shell, they drop it and find a bigger one!

Rockpool fact card - Barnacles

Barnacles are related to shrimps and crabs. They attach themselves headfirst to a rock or other hard surface.

Barnacles grab small bits of food with their feet and then pass that food to their mouths.



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Rockpool fact card - Limpets



Limpets are related to snails. They hold on to rocks with a strong foot. Their shell protects them from predators. They can keep some water under the shell with them for when the tide goes out.

Rockpool fact card - Sea slater

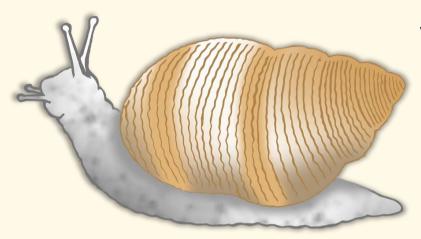
The sea slater is related to the woodlouse. It lives in dark gaps between rocks under the water and comes out at night to feed.

Sea slaters like to eat old bits of seaweed.



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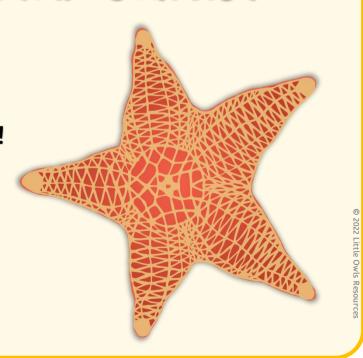
Rockpool fact card - Whelk



Common
whelks are a type of sea
snail. They are the
largest sea snail found
in UK waters.

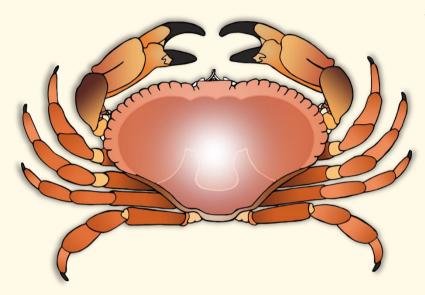
Rockpool fact card - Starfish

Starfish feed on shellfish like mussels and clams.
Starfish can regrow their legs!
If you see a starfish with one leg shorter than the other, it means that short one is regrowing!



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Rockpool fact card - Edible Crab



You can always identify an edible crab by the 'pie-crust' edge to its shell.

This crab is a predator that eats mussels, whelks, and smaller crabs.

Rockpool fact card - Common Blenny

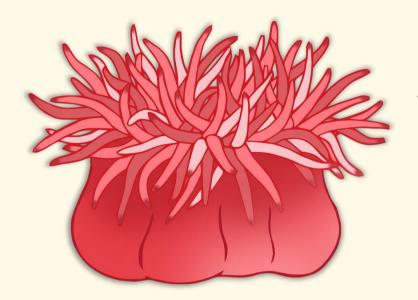
This small fish is a common sight in rockpools in the UK. It is a shy fish that usually hides under rocks.

The male Common Blenny has the job of guarding the eggs before they hatch.



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Rockpool fact card - Beadlet Anemone

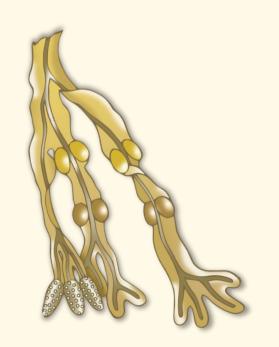


These anemones only reveal their tentacles when under water. They can have nearly 200 tentacles which they use to catch shrimps, crabs, mussels, and small fish.

Rockpool fact card - Bladder Wrack Seaweed

This seaweed is the one most associated with UK beaches.

The Bladder Wrack has lots or air-filled bladders along its length that help it float upright in the water.



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