

Tide Pool Vocabulary



Tide Pool

Link the creatures listed in the right column to their descriptions in the left column.

Hermit Crabs

small, volcano shaped shells attached to the rocks

Sea Dollars

found on the bottom of tide pools; oval shell has teeth along the edge

Starfish

pick up abandoned shells and make them their home; scavenge the bottom of the tide pool for food

Barnacles

flattened relative of the sea urchin; live in deeper water, but are often found washed up on the beach

Rock Crabs

almost transparent, up to about 9" across; mouth on underside is surrounded by stinging tentacles used to stun small fish

Sea Urchins

has five or more arms; can wrap its arms about a clam and pull it open using cup-like, suction feet

Jelly Fish

primitive snails with low cone-shaped shells, 1-1.5"; shape allows waves to roll over it without lifting it from the rocks

Limpets

related to sand dollars and starfish; found on rocks in shallow water