What's in the Oceans? Amazing Ocean Animals



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Green Sea Turtle

A sea turtle has a hard shell on its back. It has flippers to help it swim. A sea turtle can't pull its head into its shell the way a land turtle can. A sea turtle eats only plants.

Purple Sea Urchin

The purple sea urchin has spiny, hard skin. It lives on the rocky seafloor. Purple sea urchins eat anything they can find at the bottom of the ocean.

Starfish



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A starfish has spiny skin. It usually has five rays, or arms. Some have more (see picture). On the bottom of each arm, it has tube feet. The tube feet help it stick to rocks. A starfish has an eyespot at the end of each arm.

Sea Horse

A sea horse has bony plates all over its body. It lives in seaweed beds and warm water. A sea horse swims slowly with small fins. It eats small fish and plants.

Clownfish

A clownfish has scales on its body. This fish sleeps in the branches of a poisonous plant. The plant helps protect the fish at night. The clownfish eats small plants.