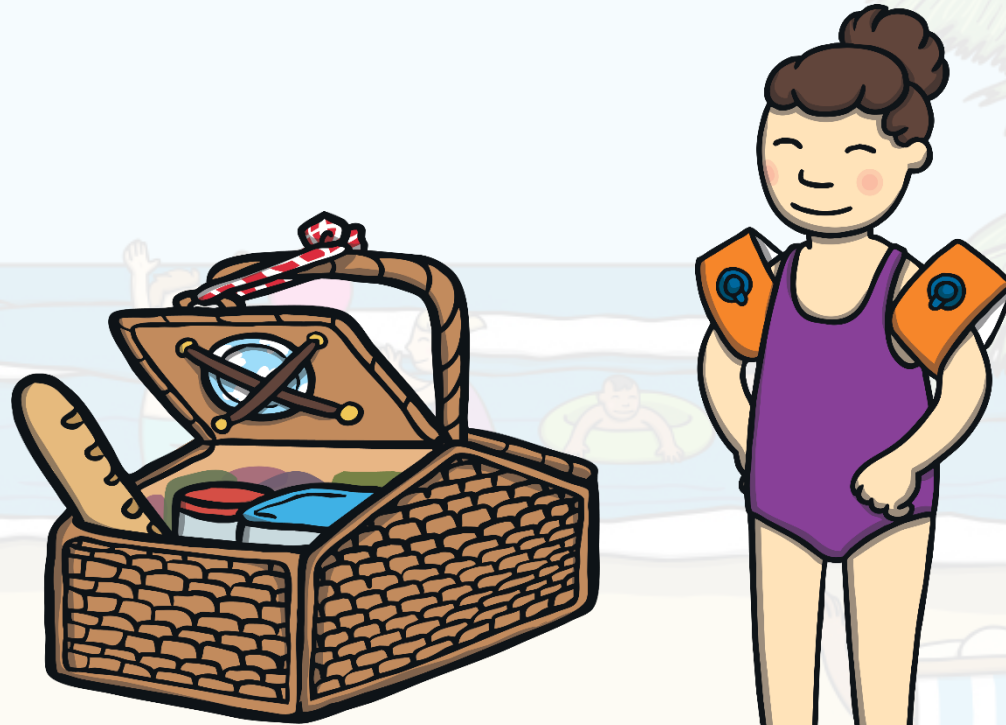


What Lives at the Beach?



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Pack your picnic basket and grab your swimsuit – let's find out what lives at the beach!



What Is a Beach?

The beach is an area by the sea or ocean that is covered in either sand or pebbles.

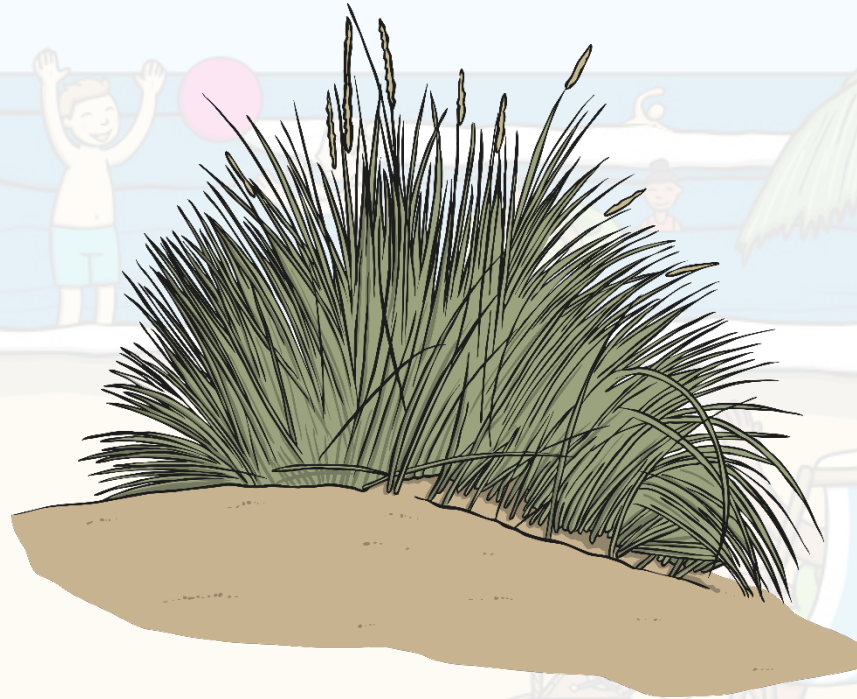
Different kinds of animals and plants live in this habitat.



Beach Grass

Beach grass grows on the sand dunes and near the sand.

The beach grass helps protect the sand dunes from the waves which could wash the sand away.



Palm Trees

Some beaches have palm trees.

There are many different types of palm tree.

Palm trees provide shade and food.

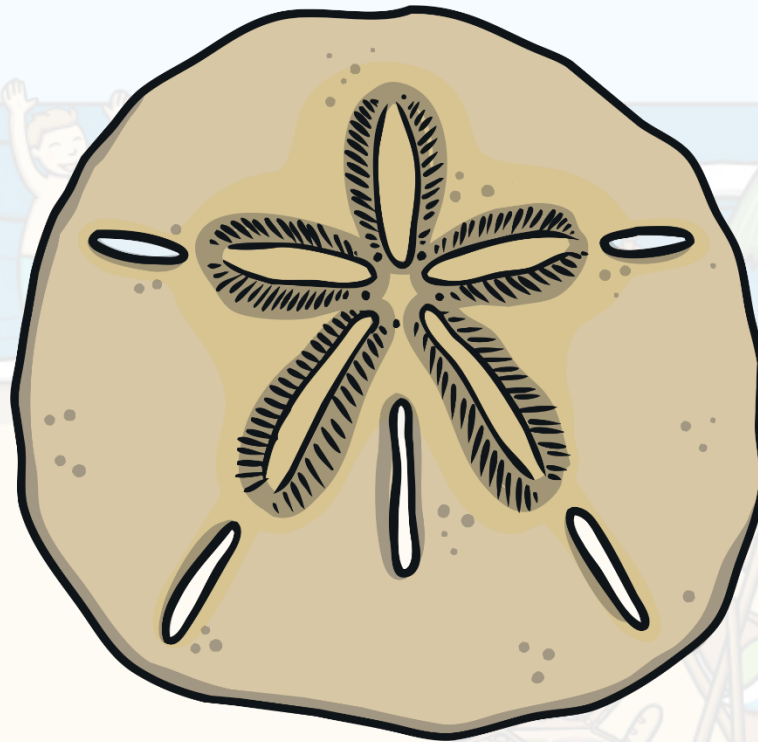
Coconuts, palm oil, dates and acai fruit all come from palm trees.



Sand Dollars

Sand dollars look like a shell, but they are living animals.

Live sand dollars are covered in hair and live on the sea floor.



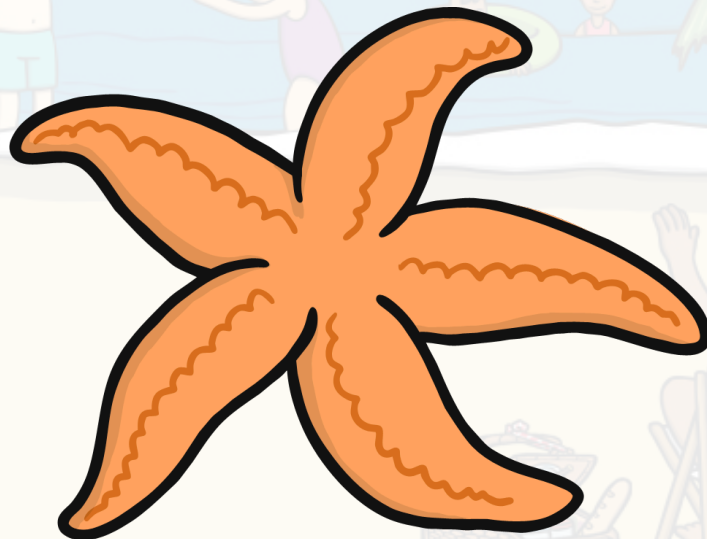
Starfish

Starfish live in tidal pools and in the shallow waters of the ocean.

A starfish usually has 5 arms.

If a starfish loses one of its arms, it can grow another one.

Starfish do not have a brain or blood!



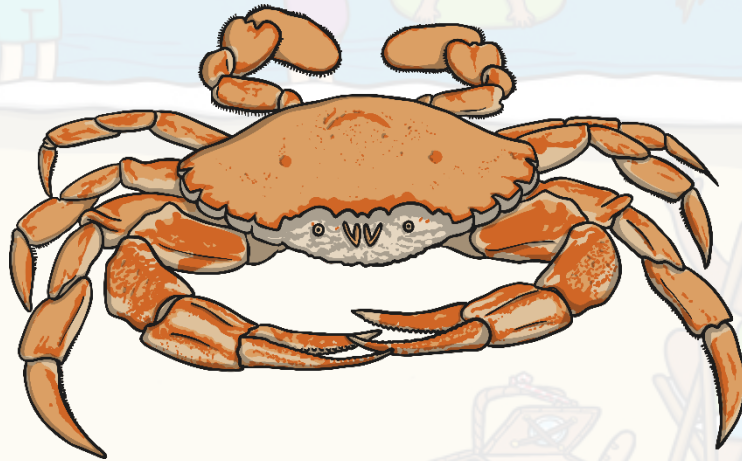
Crabs

There are almost 7000 different kinds of crab.

Crabs have 10 legs.

Crabs eat plants and other sea life.

Crabs can live both on land and in the water.



Seashells

Seashells look like pretty rocks but they are actually part of a living sea creature.

When the animal dies, the shell remains.

Empty seashells can be used as new homes for other sea creatures. So next time you see a seashell, just take a picture and leave the shell at the beach for an animal to use!



Questions

What are some animals that live at the beach?

Why should we leave seashells at the beach and not take them home?

What are some plants that grow at the beach?

What is your favorite beach animal and why?





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