

Starfish *fact sheet*

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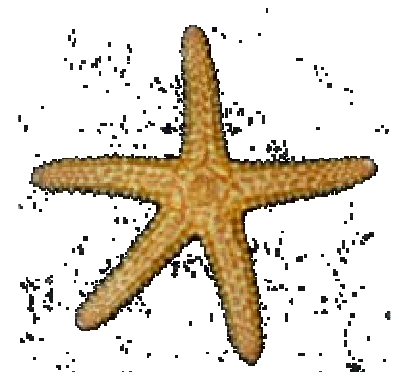


Where they live

Starfish are slow moving animals. They live in the sea, on or under rocks. They move around by using lots of tiny feet. Some starfish hide underneath rocks, so that they cannot be seen. Other starfish hide amongst the *seaweed*.

What they eat

Some starfish have a very strange way of eating! They spit out bits of their *stomachs*, and then their tummies start to eat their food outside their bodies! They swallow their stomach again to eat the food. Sometimes, starfish will walk off and leave bits of their tummies behind!



What they look like

Some starfish can be very small and cute, and look a bit like cushions. These are called cushion stars. Other starfish are very brittle, and their legs can easily get snapped off. These are called brittle stars. Starfish have hundreds of little feet called *tube feet*.

Starfish are very hard to spot, because they can be well camouflaged. Next time you are at the beach - look very carefully for a starfish!