

Fishy Fun Sheet: Mollusc Mania - Word-fill

Region

North Coast, Gascoyne Coast, West Coast, South Coast, Indian Ocean Territories

Summary

Complete the word-fill using common names of marine molluscs.

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Molluscs are one of the largest groups in the animal kingdom, they have soft bodies and generally have a hard shell for protection – which is why many are called 'shellfish'. Most molluscs are found in the ocean, but some can be found in freshwater and on land.

Molluscs can be divided into several smaller groups:

Bivalves – have two shells, joined by a hinge such as mussels.

Gastropods – have a large muscular foot such as sea snails and sea slugs.

Cephalopods – literally means 'head foot' and includes squid, octopus, cuttlefish and nautilus.

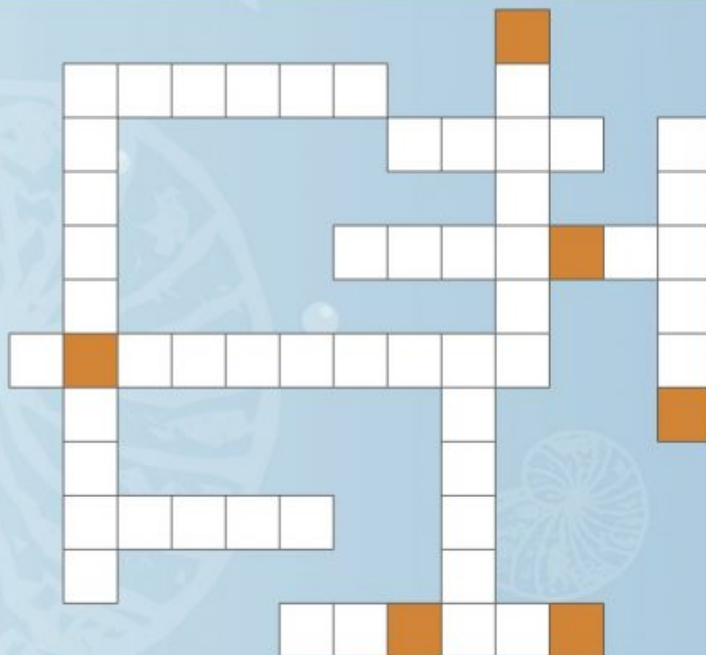
Polyplacophora – or 'chitons' are adapted for life on rocky surfaces with an 'armour-plated' shell.

Scaphopods – known as tooth or tusk shells, as the shell is tusk-shaped.

Monoplacophorans – a deep water limpet - like mollusc.

Aplacophorans – the smallest group, a worm-like marine mollusc mostly living in deep water.

Complete the word-fill below using these common names of marine molluscs.



10 letters

Periwinkle
Cuttlefish

7 letters

Octopus
Abalone

6 letters

Mussel
Chiton
Oyster
Limpet

5 letters

Squid

4 letters

Clam

Rearrange the letters in the shaded boxes to find the missing word.

Some types of oysters produce _____, which are created when an irritant (such as a bit of dirt) enters the shell.



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