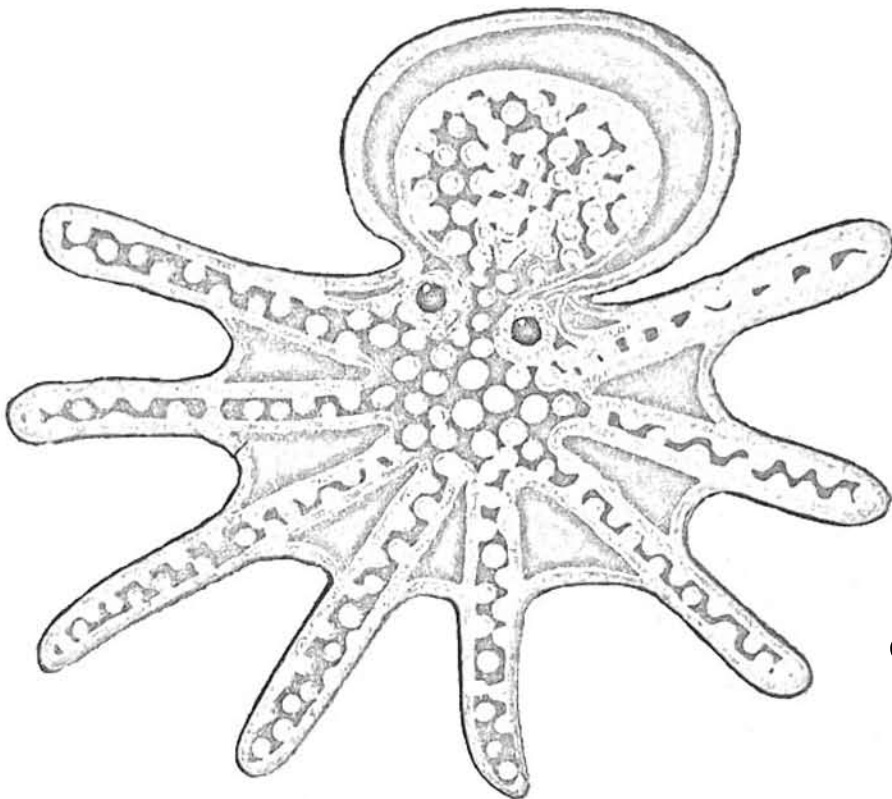




Sand Dollars are round and flat marine animals. They have a hard outer skeleton which is what you find washed up on the beach. When they are alive they are covered by little moveable spines that help them creep along & burrow. Sand dollars have 5 pores arranged in a petal pattern that take in water also helping them to move. They eat plankton & other tiny particles.

Lobsters live on the bottom of the ocean where it is murky. They have poor eyesight so they use their antennae to "see" and also to "smell". Most lobsters are a greenish-brown color but there are also rare blue, yellow, and white ones.

Lobsters like the familiar North Atlantic lobster have one faster & sharper claw they use to seize & cut, and one bigger claw they use to crush their food.



The **Octopus** has 8 legs with little suction cups on them and a hard beak for a mouth. Octopuses can change color to hide and squirt ink to avoid predators. They have no bones so they can squeeze into very tiny spaces. Octopuses are also very smart and are known to "build" things in their environment.