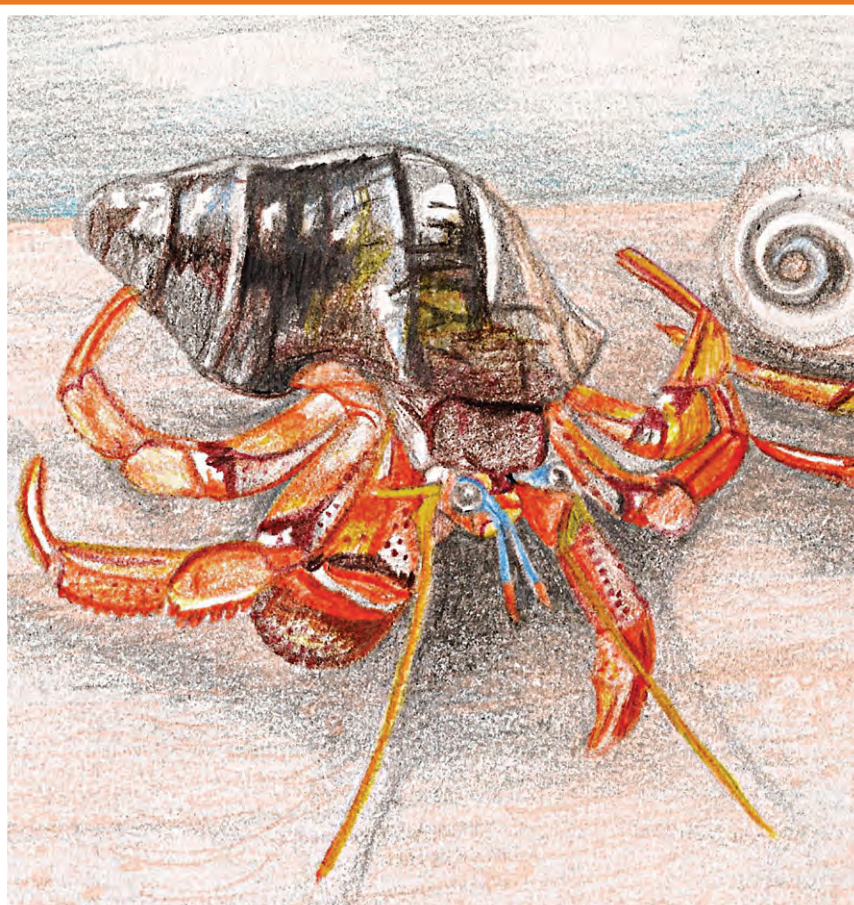


Tidepools Alive!



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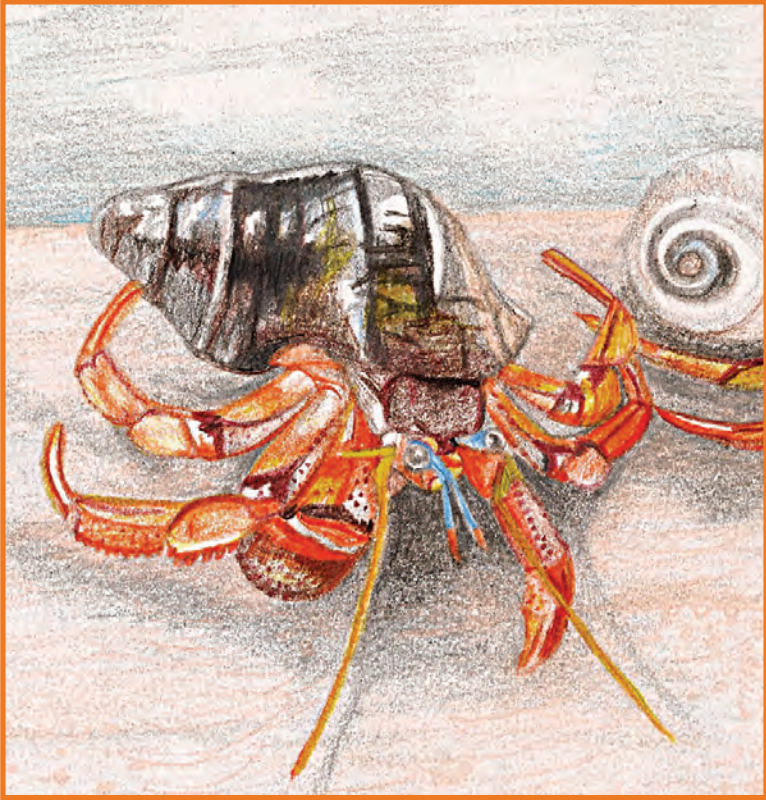


This is a tidepool. Tidepools are puddles of water created by the tide. Many animals live in tidepools.



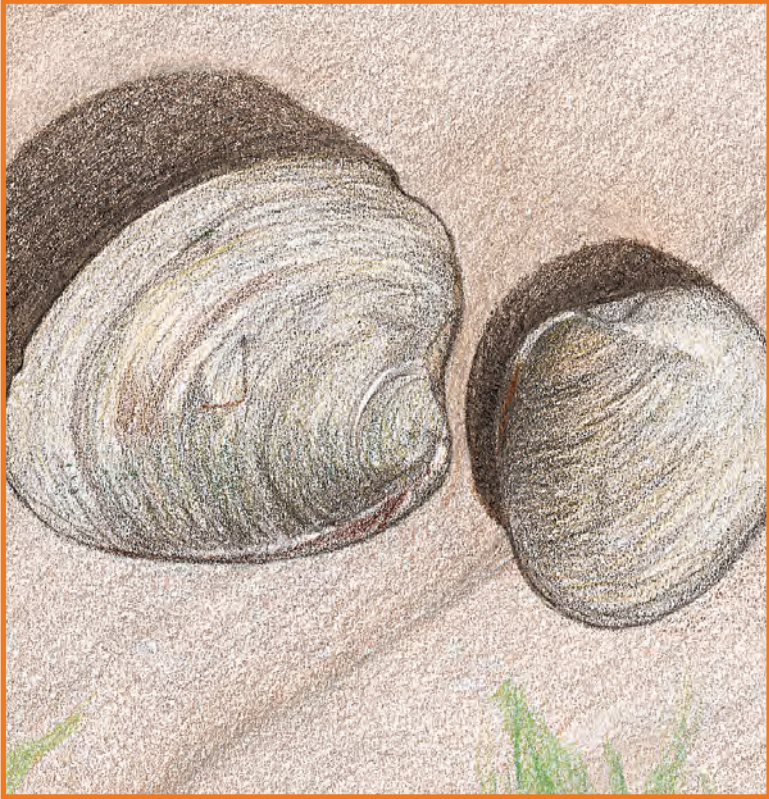
This is a snail that lives in the tidepool. It has two antennae that it uses to find food. The snail has a hard shell that helps protect its slimy body.

How do you protect your body?



This is a hermit crab that lives in the tidepool. It has ten legs, two claws, and two eyes. When the hermit crab gets bigger, it moves into a larger shell.

What do you outgrow when you get bigger?



These are clams that live in the tidepool. Each clam has two shells that protect its soft body. A clam sticks out a straw to slurp water and its food. Its food is called plankton.

What do you slurp with a straw?



These are mussels that live in the tidepool. They make threads to stick to other mussels. This is how the mussel protects itself.

Can you think of other animals that stay together for protection?



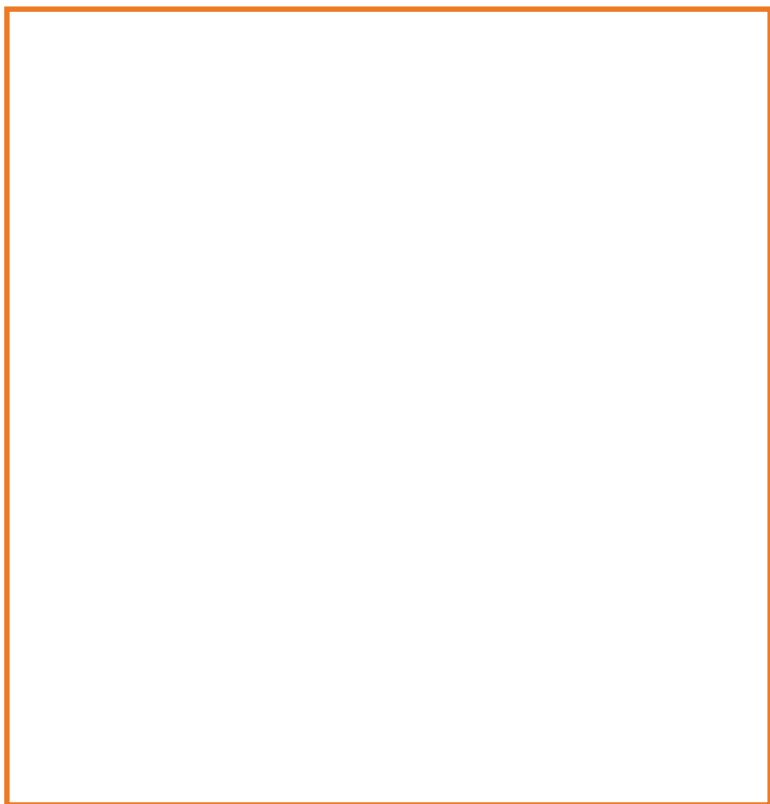
This is a sea star that lives in the tidepool. It has five arms and two mouths. It uses one mouth for eating and one mouth for drinking.

How do you eat?




You have a body that you can use to gently explore the tidepool. What can you do to keep tidepool animals safe?

Explore a local tidepool or beach.
What did you find?



Add what you see in a tidepool.



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