

Marine Scavenger Hunt What Do You See by the Salish Sea?

An important part of caring for Earth is protecting the world's oceans! Seawater covers over 70% of the surface of Earth! Millions of animals and plants rely on the ocean - including humans! Did you know that tiny drifting sea plants create at least half of the oxygen you breathe?! They also provide food for many animals. Some animals are plankton when they start out and

then they grow into creatures you might expect to find on the beach.

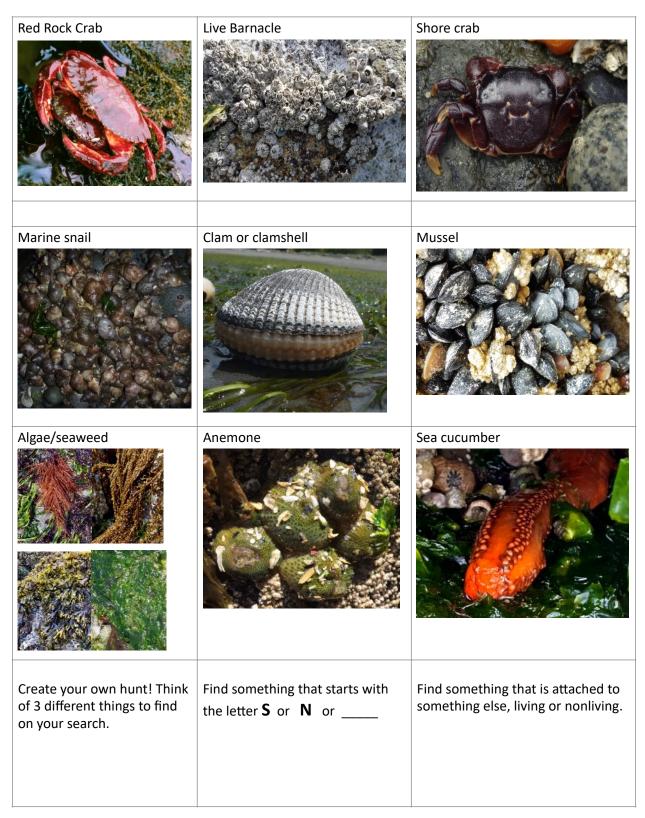
Do you know where to look for different beach critters? Why are shells different shapes or colors? What kinds of animals make shells, anyway, and what are they used for? Do all beach animals use shells? Why is it that you find some animals closer to the water, and some further away? Exploring the beach leads to asking so many questions — how many answers can you find?!

Take notes and pictures – But do your best not to disturb the beach, and leave all of the animals, shells and rocks!

You can make your own scavenger hunt sheet or use ours, head to the beach and see how many different things you are able to find! Remember to document what you find, by memory, writing or photo, but is important to leave what you find on the beach to live or be used by another animal - or the beach itself!

Every rock, every shell, and every beach animal is at home on the beach and must stay there to keep the beach healthy. This is one important way we can protect the beach and the Salish Sea.

Save this page or print it out and see how many you can find!



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