Starfish

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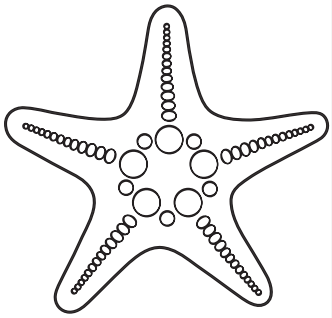
Amazing Starfish Facts



- A starfish is not really a fish.
- They are part of a group of animals called Echinoderms.
- The skin of a starfish is usually covered with hard plates or spines.
- Starfish cant swim, but they have hundreds of tiny tube feet to help them move along.
- Most starfish have five arms, but some have more than twenty.
- If a starfish loses an arm, it can grow it back.
- A starfish likes to eat oysters, clams, crustaceans, worms, and sea urchins.

Do you know any more interesting facts about starfish?

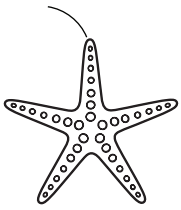
A Starfish Model

Draw an outline of a starfish with five arms on a piece of card or on a paper plate. Cut it out.

Decorate your starfish with beads, dry pasta or some other material to give it color and texture. Be creative!

Paint your starfish.

When finished, hang from the ceiling.



Drawing

On a separate page, draw a picture of three starfish in a rockpool:

- one starfish with 5 arms
- one starfish with 7 arms
- one starfish with 12 arms.

"ish" Family Words

Dish, starfish, swish and wish are part of the "ish" word family.

How many more "ish" words can you find?

Select 5 "ish" words and write each in a sentence.

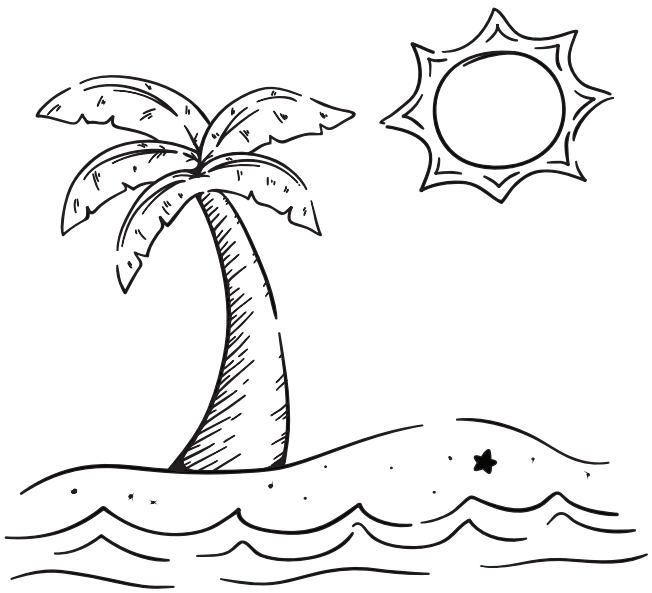
Number Crunchers

1. Sally the starfish had 8 arms. A fish bit 2 of Sally's arms off. Luckily, one of her arms grew back. How many arms does Sally the starfish have now?

2. Sam the starfish has 12 arms. If Sam got half of his arms bitten off by a fish, how many arms would Sam have to grow back to have 12 arms again?

3. When I was at the beach, I saw 4 starfish in a rockpool. The second rockpool I looked at had 5 starfish. The third rockpool had 3 starfish. How many starfish did I see altogether?

4. I asked my friend Tom how many starfish he saw at the beach. He said he saw 6 more starfish than Mary. If Mary saw 3 starfish, how many did Tom see?



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