

Did you know?

- Fish don't have eyelids so they can't close their eyes.
- Both squid and octopuses have blue blood! The blue colour comes from an oxygen-carrying copper pigment in their blood.
- The coastline of the United Kingdom is 11,073 miles (17,830 km) long.
- Hermit crabs don't have shells. To protect themselves, hermit crabs search for abandoned shells – usually sea snail shells. When they find one that fits, they tuck themselves inside it for protection and carry it with them wherever they go.
- Baby puffins are called pufflings. Aahh!
- Many seabirds will spend several years at sea, only returning to land to breed.
- Jellyfish are made up of about 95% water.
- The official measure of a sand grain is between two millimetres and a 16th of a millimetre in diameter. If a grain is smaller, it's classified as silt. If it's bigger, it's gravel.
- Sea turtles have special glands which help remove salt from the water they drink.
- The world's largest seashell belongs to the giant clam. They can reach up to 150 cm in length and are found in the tropical Pacific regions of the world.
- The world record for the largest stick of rock was set in 2000 by Blackpool-based Coronation Rock, whose giant sweet clocked in at 424.5 kg!
- Little puddles of ocean water on the beach are called 'beach cusps'. They form in small bays hollowed out by the waves rolling in at an angle.
- Molluscs can turn their shells different colours by eating various colourful foods. For example, red seaweed would give them a red shell!

