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The World of Invertebrates

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Boneless Bodies

Squids are animals that live in the sea.

They have two fins, eight arms, and two **tentacles**.

The arms and tentacles look alike.

One thing squids don't have is a **backbone**.

In fact, they don't have any bones at all!



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Instead of a backbone, a squid has a hard, hollow tube inside its body. The tube is called a pen. It helps the body keep its shape.



**arms and
tentacles**

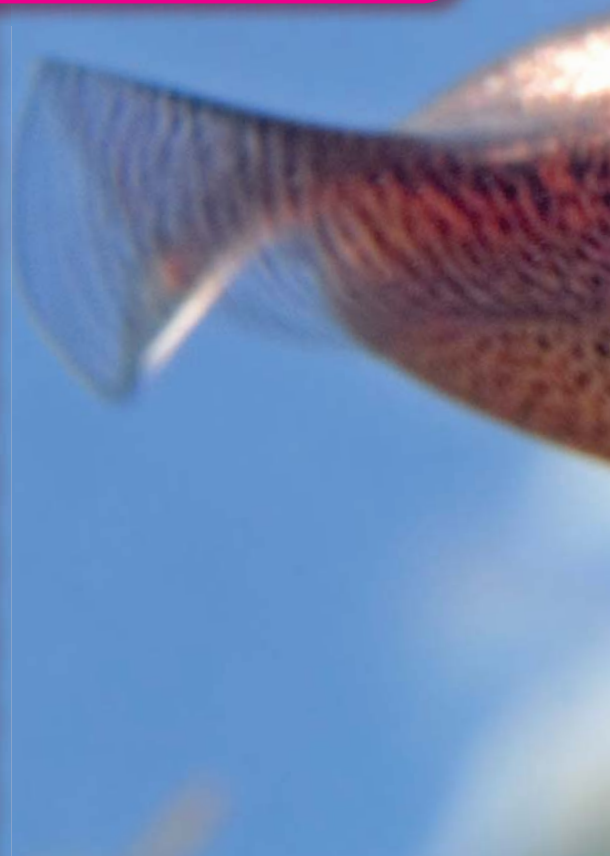
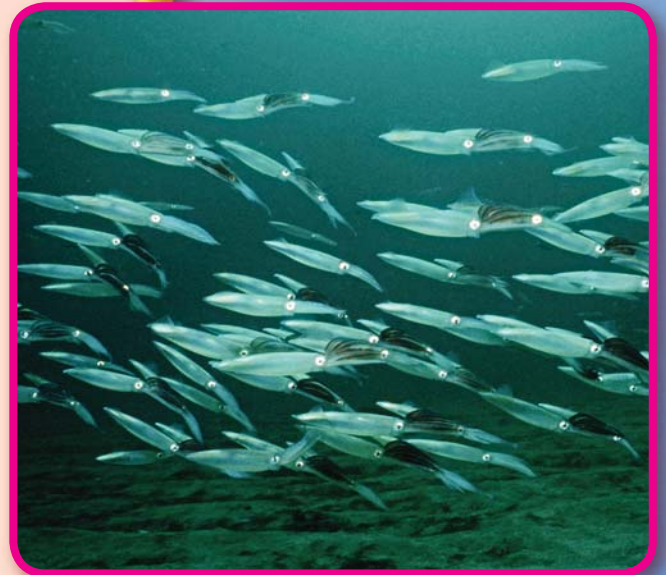
Arrows of the Sea

Some people call squids “sea arrows.”

A squid’s body is shaped like an arrow.

Also, like an arrow, a squid can move very quickly.

The fastest squids can shoot through the sea at about 25 miles per hour (40 kph).





Some squids
can shoot up and
out of the water.
Sometimes they even
land on the decks
of boats!



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From squirting ink to changing their colors, squids have many ways to outsmart their enemies. Dive into the weird and watery world of these tricky sea creatures to discover this and other surprising facts.

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