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The World of Invertebrates

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Underwater Animals

Sponges are animals that live in the sea.

They have no brains, hearts, or blood.

They have no heads, arms, or legs.

They don't move around.

For a long time, people thought they were underwater plants.

Sponges
live in all
the world's
oceans.



sponge

Staying in Shape

There are about 5,000 kinds of sponges.

The smallest are the size of a pea.

The tallest are taller than most people.

Sponges can be shaped like barrels, tubes, antlers, or rocks.

Sponges have
no **backbones**,
but many do have
skeletons. Their
skeletons help them
keep their unusual
shapes.







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At one time, people thought that sponges were plants. After all, they can't move. Instead, they live at the bottom of the ocean attached to rocks and coral reefs. So how do sponges get their food? Dive into the weird and watery world of these colorful creatures to find out.



Crawling Crabs

Goosey Jellyfish

Prickly Sea Stars

Slimy Sea Slugs

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