

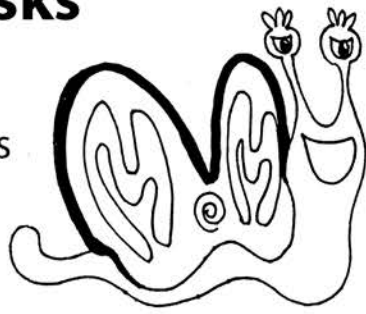


WHO: Let's meet M & C, the two groups of small invertebrates living in shallow coastal systems. Even within their own groups, they are diverse in their shapes, forms, and sizes.

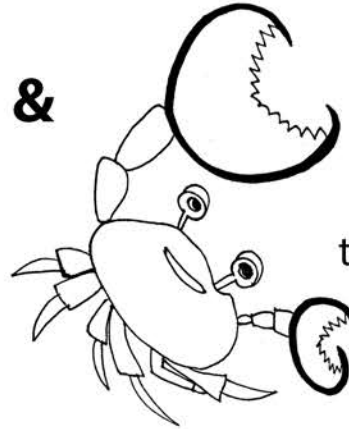
Mollusks

Have hard shells to protect themselves from predators.

Examples: snails and clams



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Crustaceans

Have legs and claws to run away from danger.

Examples: crabs and shrimps

WHY: Small invertebrates clean seagrass leaves by grazing on algae. They also become yummy food for large fish and shore birds

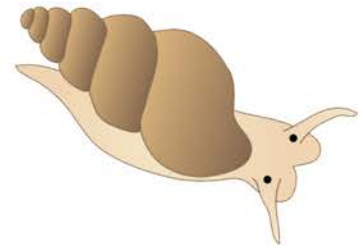
M or C? Based on their visual characteristics, identify whether each invertebrate is a mollusk or a crustacean. Write **M** or **C** next to their name.



Amphipod: _____



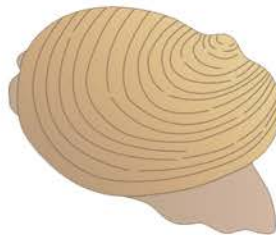
Isopod: _____



Sea snail: _____



Hermit Crab: _____



Clam: _____



Scallop: _____