

What is a Sea Star (Starfish)?

A sea star, which is often called a starfish, is a sea animal that lives in the ocean. Even though it's called a starfish, it's not really a fish! That's because it doesn't have bones, scales, or fins like fish do.

What Does a Sea Star Look Like?

Sea stars usually have five arms that spread out from a center, making them look like stars, which is why they are called starfish. Some sea stars can even have more than five arms!

Where Do Sea Stars Live?

Sea stars live in many places in the ocean, from shallow tide pools to deeper parts of the sea. They often live on rocks, coral reefs, and sandy bottoms.

What Do Sea Stars Eat?

Sea stars are amazing eaters! They often eat small animals like clams and mussels. They can even open the shells of these animals to eat them inside! They have a special way of eating by pushing their stomachs out of their bodies to digest food.

Fun Facts About Sea Stars

- They can grow new arms if they lose one!
- Sea stars don't have a brain, but they can still move and find food.
- They use tiny tube feet on their arms to move around.

So, next time you see a sea star on the beach, remember it's a fascinating creature that's very different from fish even though it's called a starfish!