

NAME

HABITAT: SEASHORE
ACTIVITY : SEASHORE SURVEY



ROCKY SEASHORE SEARCH

Visit the beach just before low tide. Ideally it should be a Spring Tide when the water falls to its lowest ebb. Investigate the places that animals and plants live to survive drying out or being damaged by the waves. Here are some suggestions. Tick anything you see and add your own notes.

- Look under dead seaweed along the strandline.

Sandhoppers: Damp seaweed stops them drying out and keeps them hidden from predators.

Your notes

- Lift the seaweed that is attached to rocks. (Always replace it).

Periwinkles: These shell fish close 'the door' to their shell to ensure they do not dry out.

Your notes

- Look into rock pools without disturbing them.

Sea Anemones: Some creatures live between tides in the water left between the rocks. If you see the anemone feeding, gently touch its sticky tentacles.

Your notes

- Use a small net to scoop out anything hiding under the seaweed in the pools

Prawns: Prawns are transparent and hard to see. They cannot survive for long out of water, so always replace them in the pool.

Your notes

- Look on the rocks

Limpets: Try pushing these shells. The shell fish has a strong 'foot' that holds it to the rock and prevents the waves knocking it off.

Your notes

- Gently turn over small rocks by the low tide. (Always replace them)

Shore Crab: You may have to look hard to find the very small shore crabs, hiding from predators away from the sun.

Your notes

ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE EATING