

A Visit to the Shore

Here is your chance to visit a small rockpool on Silver Strand, Sherkin Island. The little pools there are full of marine life. Do you think you could identify them?

ANIMALS & PLANTS IN THE ROCKPOOL

Barnacle	Limpet
Beadlet Anemone	Mussel
Coral Weed	Sea Lettuce
Dogwhelk	Topshell

DO YOU KNOW WHAT I AM?

By referring to the numbered drawings in the grid, can you put the correct number next to each questions or descriptions? (Answers on page 8)

- a. There are three types of seaweed: red, green and brown. Coral Weed is red.
- b. Sea Lettuce is a green seaweed.
- c. Mussels are bivalves, which means they have two shells.
- d. A Limpet has a conical shell. It has a sucker foot that allows it attach firmly to the rocks.
- e. This animal in the grid is not in the rockpool photograph.
- f. The Beadlet Anemone looks like a blob of jelly but is in fact an animal. It pulls in its tentacles to conserve water.
- g. Barnacles look like tiny seashells but they are in fact related to the crab. They attach their bodies to the rocks and open plates on the shell to filter food from the water.
- h. The Dogwhelk has a coiled shell. It crawls over barnacles to feed on them.
- i. A Topshell has a coiled shell that is shaped a little like a spinning top.



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Can you match the descriptions on the left with the drawings below, writing the name at the bottom of the drawing? (Answers on page 13)

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____
4 _____	5 _____	6 _____
7 _____	8 _____	9 _____

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