



Year 4 Reading Comprehension

Term 1 Week 5

Assigned: 23/09/2022

Due: 27/09/2022

Sea shells

Look at the pictures and read the information.

Sea shells

Everyone collects empty shells when they go to the seaside. Shells are the 'outside skeleton' of animals called shellfish. The shells protect these animals' soft bodies. After shellfish die, their shells are often washed up on the beach – for us to find!



Razors dig themselves deep into the sand.



Mussels grow in tightly packed colonies.



Whelks are scavengers. Some prey on other shellfish.



Scallops can 'swim' by squirting water through their shell.

Barnacles grow on rocks, boats and even other animals' shells.

Crabs have shell over their backs, legs and pincers.



Winkles, like most shellfish, feed on seaweed.



Otter shells live in the same spot all their lives.



Limpets cling tightly to their rocky homes.



Cockles live in sandy beaches – as many as 10,000 in 1 square metre.



Use the text and pictures on page 70 to help you answer the questions below. Think about the different question types.

1. What are sea shells?

2. Which is the least adventurous of the shellfish? How do you know?

3. What might you expect to see attached to your boat if you left it on the seashore for any length of time? Why do you think that?

4. 'Whelks are scavengers. Some prey on other shellfish.' What does the word 'scavengers' mean here? Tick the correct meaning below.

nasty

cowards

hunters

Now write your own question about the text. Tick the box next to the type of question you have written.

literal question

inference question

evaluation question

Your question: _____

Your answer: _____
