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**Science**  
**Sponges Practice**



**Facts about Sponges**

Sponges may look like plants, but they are animals. Sponges are invertebrates. Read more about them below.

**Fact 1:** Sponges were first thought to be plants.

**Fact 2:** Most sponges live in salt water.

**Fact 3:** To get food, sponges pump water into their bodies through tiny pores, or holes, and eat tiny plants and animals they strain out of the water.

**Fact 4:** Sponges have skeletons of hard material but they have no backbones.

**Fact 5:** There are over 5,000 kinds of sponges. Sponges come in many different shapes, colors and sizes.

**Fact 6:** Adult sponges live attached to rocks, plants, or other objects in the water.

Next to the letter, write the number of the fact that answers each question.

- a. \_\_\_\_ How many kinds of sponges are there?
- b. \_\_\_\_ Do adult sponges move from place to place?
- c. \_\_\_\_ What is another name for pores?
- d. \_\_\_\_ In what kind of water do most sponges live?

e. \_\_\_\_ What were sponges first thought to be?

f. \_\_\_\_ What do sponges eat?

g. \_\_\_\_ Do all sponges look alike?

h. \_\_\_\_ Do sponges have skeletons?

i. \_\_\_\_ Do sponges have backbones?