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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?