

1 **Think!** Read the text. Where should this information go?

- a ☐ but they were also the favorite prey of large sea lizards
- b ☐ we can tell a lot about them from these fossils
- c ☐ octopus, squid, and cuttlefish
- d ☐ and the biggest were over 3 m in diameter
- e ☐ it might be an ammonite fossil
- f ☐ around the same time as the dinosaurs

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Listen and check.

Ammonites

One of the most common kinds of fossils found is the ammonite fossil. Although the ammonites died out millions of years ago, 1

Ammonites lived in the sea between 240 million and 65 million years ago, 2. They had soft bodies, and they didn't have spines. They lived in coiled shells and had long tentacles. They also had beaks.



The smallest ammonite shells were 2½ cm, 3. They ate fish and crabs, 4 like the mosasaur. Modern relatives of these fascinating creatures include 5.

Next time you are at the ocean, keep an eye out for a spiral pattern on loose bits of rock because 6.