



# The rock pool

Rock pools at the seaside are different from ponds. They are full of salty sea water.



Many plants and animals live close together in the clear water of a rock pool.

starfish



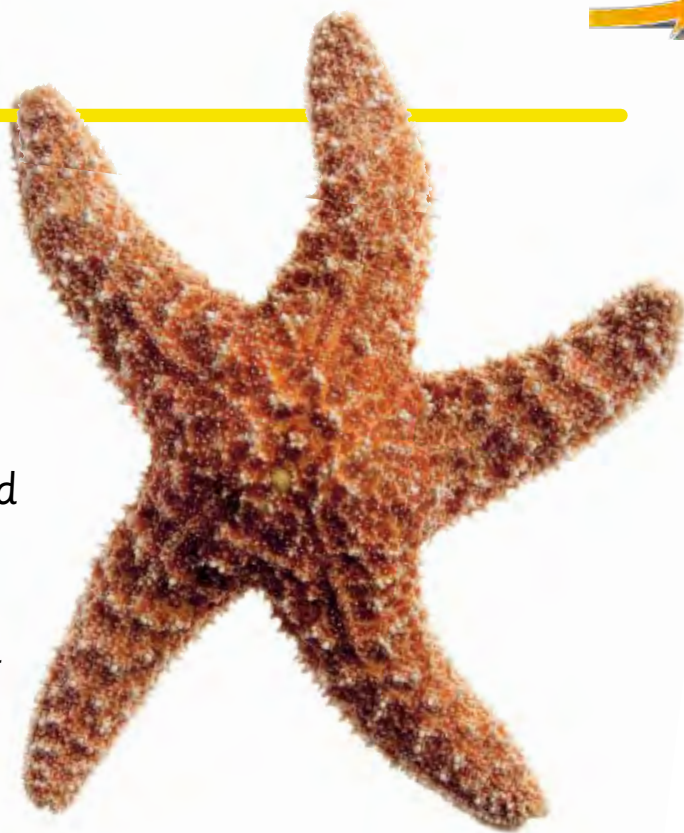


Rock pools are full of salty water. The water changes twice a day as the tide comes in and out.

The most common plant in a rock pool is seaweed. It can be green, red or brown.

Animals, such as shrimps, crabs and starfish move about. You may see limpets and sea anemones, too.

Many birds hunt in the rock pools. Seagulls are common visitors.



Starfish are slow-moving animals. They have a mouth on their undersides.

Crabs scuttle about, keeping out of sight of birds.



Shrimps make jerking movements close to the bottom of the pool.



Periwinkles and other 'sea-snails' crawl around on the rock pool sides.



**How are rock pools different from ponds?**