



## Tidepool Matching Game

A tidepool is a place where you find lots of ocean life. Can you match the fun facts with the correct animal you find? These animals and plants are found along the rocky shores of many of our beaches. Draw a line from the fun fact to the animal's name.

- A. They live in tiny white limestone houses and eat food (plankton) with their feathery feet. You can find many of these tiny critters attached to the rocks.
- B. If it loses one of its 5 "arms" it can grow it back. It also has thousands of tiny suction cups on its arms to help it stick to rock or the pilings on a pier.
- C. Sea gulls like to pick it up and drop it on rocks, to crack its hard shell so they can eat it.
- D. These animals molt (shed) their exoskeleton (shell) as they grow. When they eat, they use their claws to tear apart their food or open shells to eat.
- E. Its prickly outside makes it difficult for other animals to eat. Despite the spines this green critter can be picked up and held carefully. When it dies it usually loses all its spines.
- F. This purple seaweed bleaches white in the sun and is used in products such as toothpaste, ice cream, and soup.
- G. This little snail may come out for a visit if you hold it gently and hum to it. You may find it on slippery rocks or on salt marsh grass because it eats any algae it finds.

### 1. Sea Urchin



### 2. Irish Moss



### 3. Periwinkles



### 4. Barnacles



### 5. Blue Mussels



### 6. Sea star



### 7. Crabs

