

Comparing Mollusks Chart KEY



Using what you know about the three major classes of mollusks, complete the chart below by checking the correct column or columns for each characteristic.

The chart below can be somewhat flexible, depending on the characteristic. For instance, external shells only applies to cephalopods if you consider the chambered nautilus. Venom could possibly be applied to gastropods, as nudibranchs are known for being toxic (and brightly colored)

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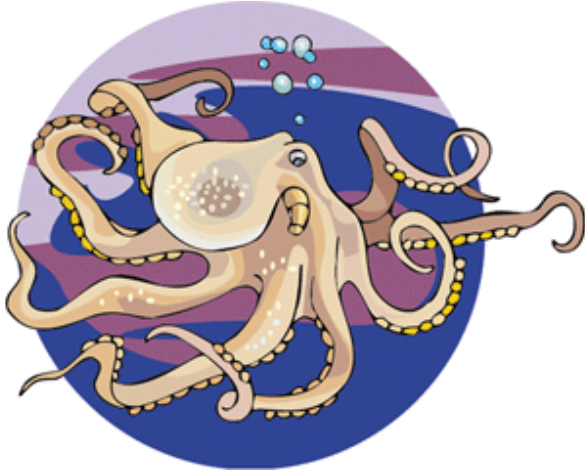
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Characteristic	Type of Mollusk		
	Gastropods	Bivalves	Cephalopods
1. Intelligent, well developed nervous system			X
2. Has no distinct head		X	
3. Has an open circulatory system	X	X	
4. External shells present in some species	X	X	X
5. Bite prey with beak			X
6. Uses gills for both respiration and food collection		X	
7. All species are carnivorous predators			X
8. Uses a radula for feeding	X		
9. Can change color for camouflauge			X
10. Can form pearls		X	
11. Use a type of jet propulsion for movement		X	X
12. Has bilateral symmetry	X		X
13. Has a two part hinged shell		X	
14. Is an invertebrate	X	X	X

15. Some species are venomous			X
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Types of Mollusks Wordsearch



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