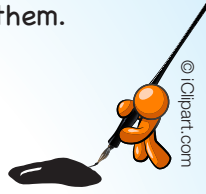


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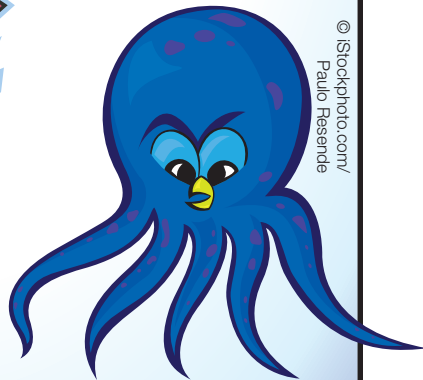
Find the octopus words and circle them.

beak	eight	ocean	soft
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The Octopus and the Coconut:

Grab That Coconut and Run!

By Ron Fridell

Birds make homes with twigs and stems. Octopuses build their homes, too. They build them at the bottom of the sea.

Scientists went swimming with octopuses in the sea. They watched them build their homes from coconut shells. Octopuses have eight arms. They must use them all to collect the shells.

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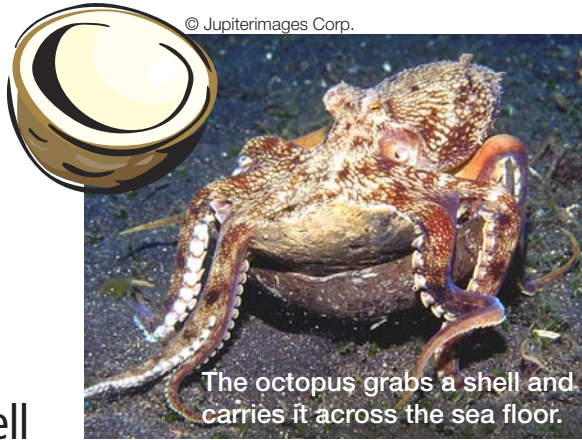
A coconut-shell octopus home

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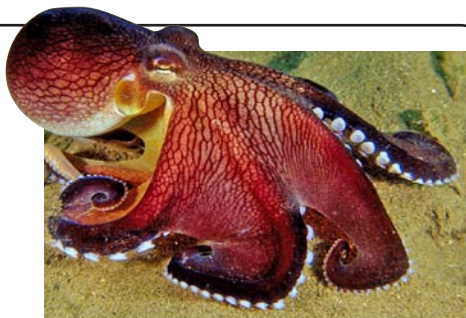
The shells are buried in mud. An octopus uses its arms to twist the shell free. Then it cleans the shell by shooting jets of water into it. *Whoosh*, out comes the mud.



Now the octopus gets on top of the clean shell and picks it up. Then it carries the shell away. The octopus looks as if it is walking on tiptoes as it hurries away with its treasure.

Do You Know?

The octopus has a soft body. Beneath its coconut-shell home, it can stay safe from enemies.



FUN FACTS

- An octopus can grow a new arm if one is cut off.
- An octopus can squirt clouds of ink to hide from its enemies.
- An octopus can squeeze its body through a hole as tiny as a penny.
- An octopus has an eye on each side of its head.
- An octopus has a beak that looks like a bird's beak.
- An octopus has hundreds of suction cups for grabbing things.



Write About This!

Write a funny story about a person who has four arms and four legs.



Art Prompt

Make a poster for a store that sells clothes to octopuses.

