

Features of living things in the marine estate











Crab

My Key Features

I have a hard shell that protects me.



I have strong claws.

I bury myself in sand or mud when predators are around.

My many legs help me climb, hang on to rocks and stay in one place in currents and waves.





Seahorse





My tail helps me hang on to things so I don't float away.

My colour and shape helps me hide from predators.

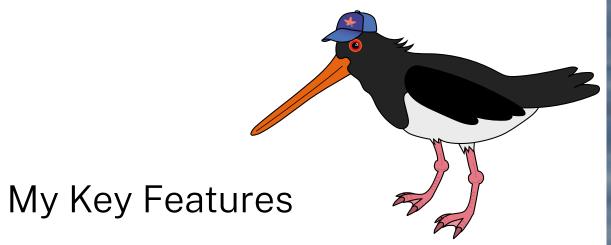
Daddy seahorses carry eggs and give birth to baby seahorses, not the mums.







Pied oystercatcher



I have a long, hard beak for digging in the sand and opening shells.

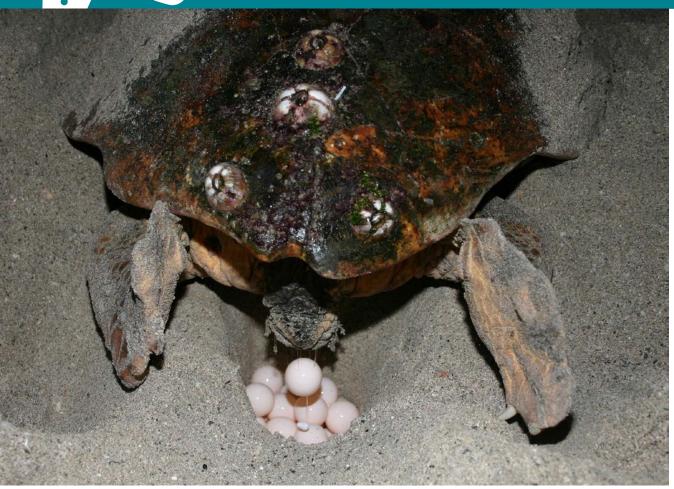
I have strong legs for walking around the beach and rocks.

My eggs are camouflaged to hide on the beach and in sand dunes.





Green sea turtle



My Key Features

I have a hard shell called a carapace.

I come on land to lay my eggs.

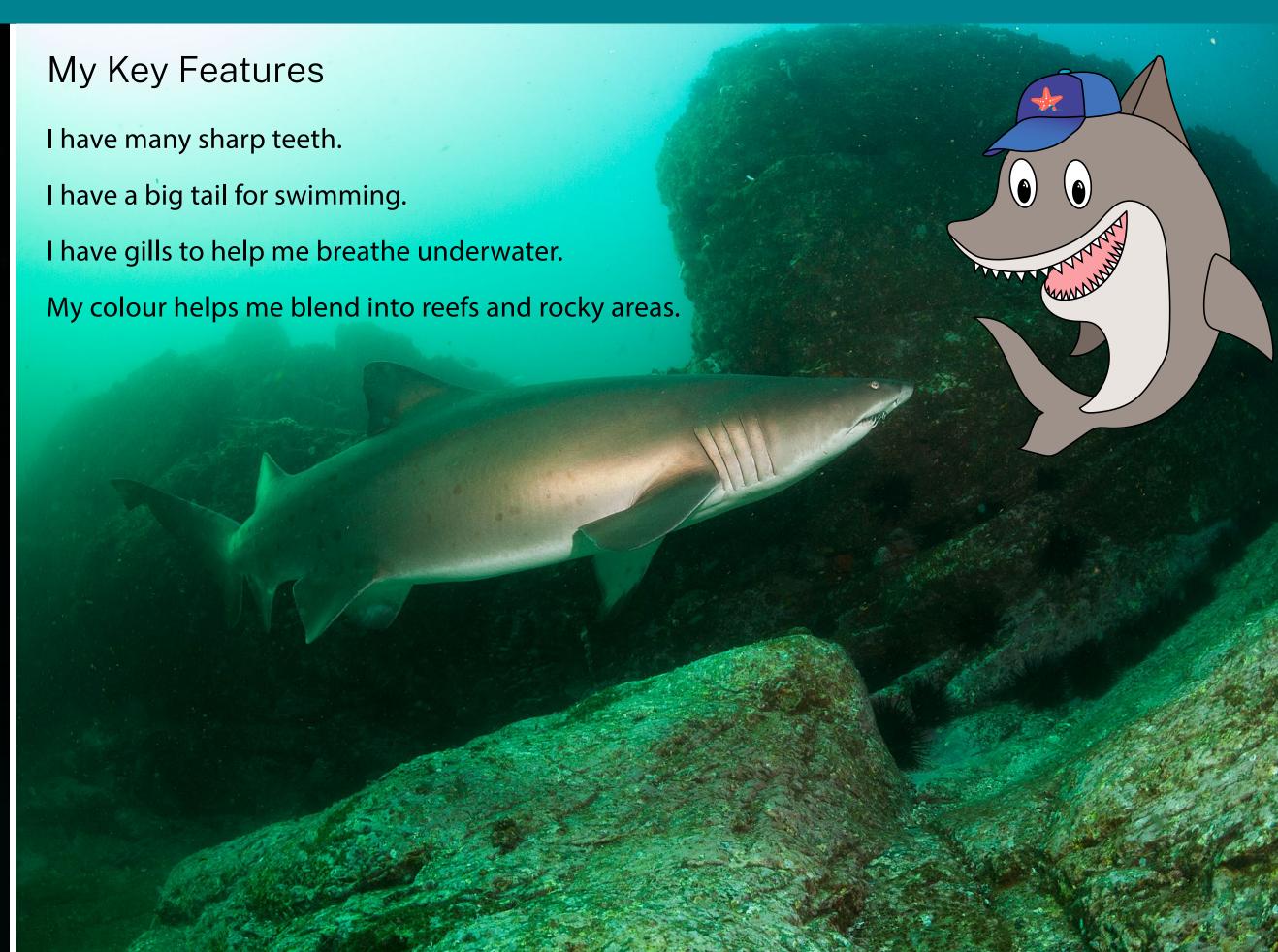
I have big front flippers for swimming all day long.





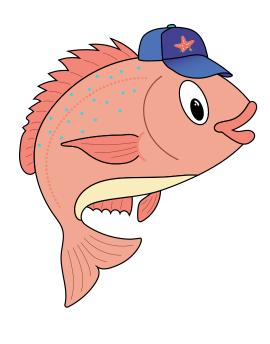
Grey nurse shark





Fish



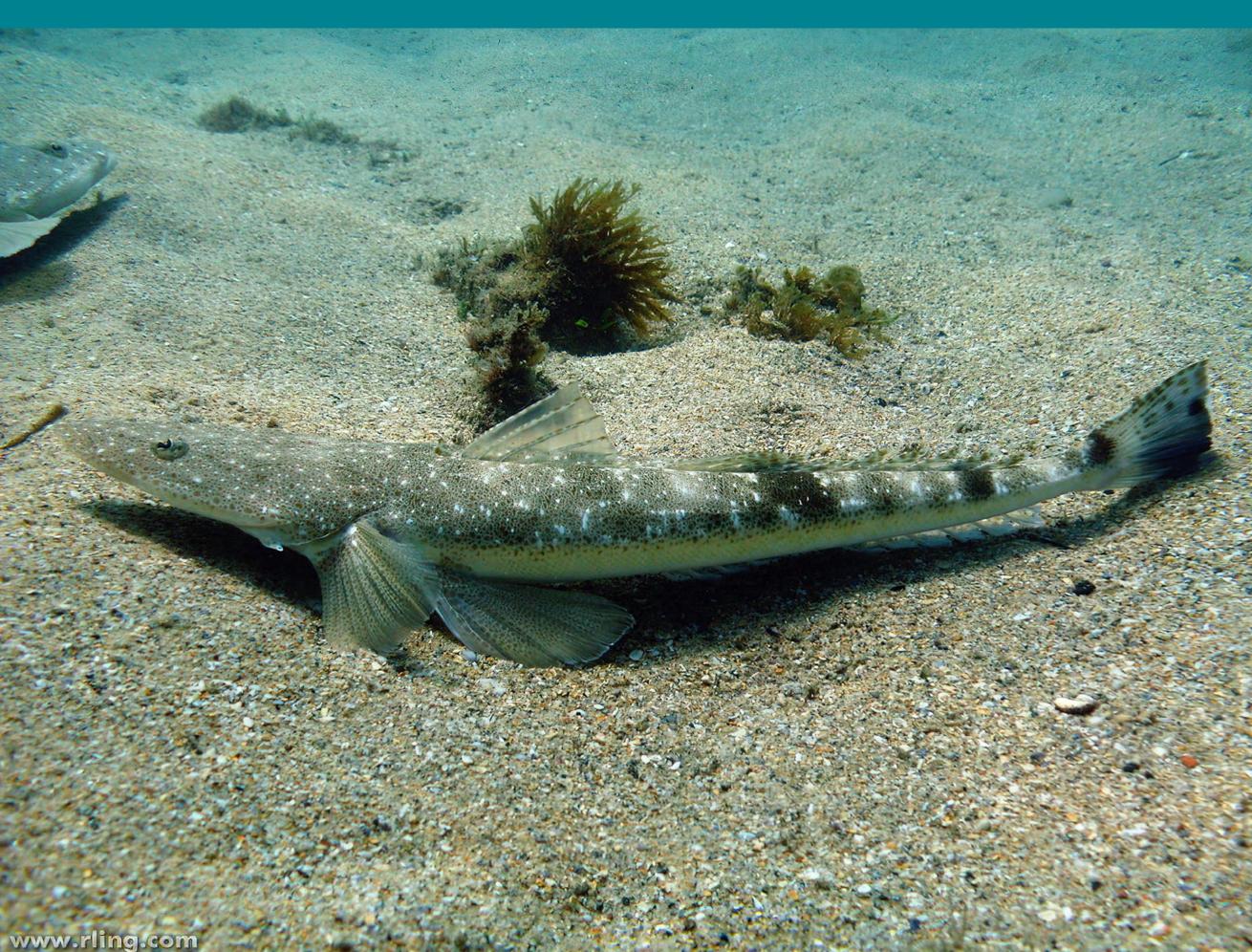


My Key Features

I come in many shapes, colours and sizes.

Sometimes this helps me hide from predators or it is a warning for other fish to 'stay away'.

I have gills to help me breathe underwater.





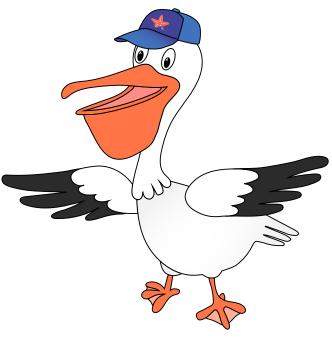
Pelican

My Key Features

I have big wings to fly long distances.

I have a big mouth for catching fish.

I have big, webbed feet to move across the water.









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Pied oystercatcher on nest
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Pied oystercatchers feeding
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Turtle laying eggs
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Grey nurse shark
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