

# Create-a-Critter



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Calling all marine biologists-in-training! Can you design a creature that is adapted to live and thrive on the rocky shore? This can be an entirely made-up animal or a version of a real animal with special adaptations.

Before you start, take a minute to think about where your animal lives: **The Rocky Intertidal Zone.**

Sometimes hot, sometimes cold, always filled with predators and with competitor-animals and plants trying to use the same resources of food and shelter. Wind, waves, and tides all make life in the waters of the rocky shore tricky!

## Alright, let's get started!

First, what is the name of your critter? \_\_\_\_\_

What does your critter eat? \_\_\_\_\_

What eats your critter? \_\_\_\_\_

How does your critter defend itself? \_\_\_\_\_

How does your critter move? \_\_\_\_\_

Now, let's think about the parts of your critter's body and how they help it survive.

Describe your critter below. Does it have legs? Wings? Fins? Are these long, or short? Does it have eyes?

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Now that you have an idea of your critter's adaptations, can you draw it?



**This is a:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Created by:** \_\_\_\_\_

- \* For an added challenge, do this with a friend but trade your critter descriptions and try to draw the other person's creature based on their description.
- \* You can also make a 3d version and make a model of your critter instead of drawing it.
- \* This activity can be done for any habitat! Think about how an adaptation that helps in one habitat would make it hard to live somewhere else.

