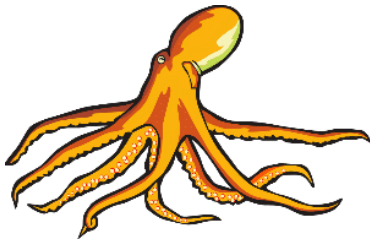


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Octopus and Squid



An octopus and a squid are both very unique creatures. They are both called cephalopods or head-footed animals. This means that they are both basically heads with legs. An octopus has a round head and the body, called a mantle, is actually eight long arms with suction cup like objects in rows along the legs. An octopus will never hooks on its legs. A squid has a long triangle shaped head and a body with eight arms. In addition, a squid has two fins on their head and two more tentacles. A squids arms have hooks or sucker rings with tentacles arranged in pairs.



An octopus is soft and squishy with no shell or stiff bone. A squid has a stiff structure that is called a pen. This acts as a flexible backbone for the squid.

Put an X in the correct box for each characteristic.

	Squid	Octopus	Both
Has a pan that is stiff like a backbone			
Has suction cups, but no hooks			
Has fins on the head			
Has a round head			
Has eight legs			
Has legs in pairs			
Has a triangular head			
Has a body called a mantle			