

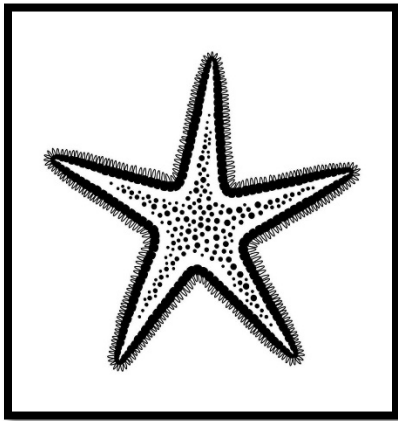
## **Creative writing – Fact File**

**Read the facts below and complete the fact file.**

### **Starfish**

Starfish, also known as sea stars, are fascinating creatures that live in the oceans, primarily in shallow waters along the coasts. Despite their name, starfish are not fish at all. Starfish are found in oceans all over the world, from the polar regions to tropical seas.

Starfish have a unique star-shaped body, usually with five arms, though some species may have more. Their bodies are covered with tough, spiny skin, which protects them from predators.



Starfish come in a variety of colours, including red, orange, yellow, blue, purple, and even green. Some species have intricate patterns and textures that help them blend in with the seafloor.

Starfish are carnivores and feed on a wide range of marine organisms. They typically eat molluscs like clams, mussels, and oysters. Most starfish have a lifespan of 5 to 35 years, depending on the species.

Starfish do not have eyes, a brain, a heart, or blood. Instead, they have a simple nerve ring that controls their movements. Starfish have the incredible ability to regenerate lost limbs, and in some cases, can grow an entirely new body from just one arm. Despite having no brain, they move using a water vascular system and tube feet. Starfish can "eat" outside their bodies by pushing their stomachs out to digest prey like clams and oysters.

### **Fact File**

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Habitat: (Where do they live?)	..... ..... .....
Diet: (What do they eat?)	..... ..... ..... .....
Description: (What do they look like?)	..... ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... .....
Life Span: (How long do they live?)	..... ..... ..... .....
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