

Mollusks

Soft-bodied Invertebrates

Phylum Mollusca

- Very diverse - more species of molluscs than any other group in the ocean.
- Phylum includes:
 - Bivalves (2 shells); ex. Clam
 - Gastropods (1 shell, coiled); ex. Snail
 - Cephalopods (large head, tentacles); ex. Octopus



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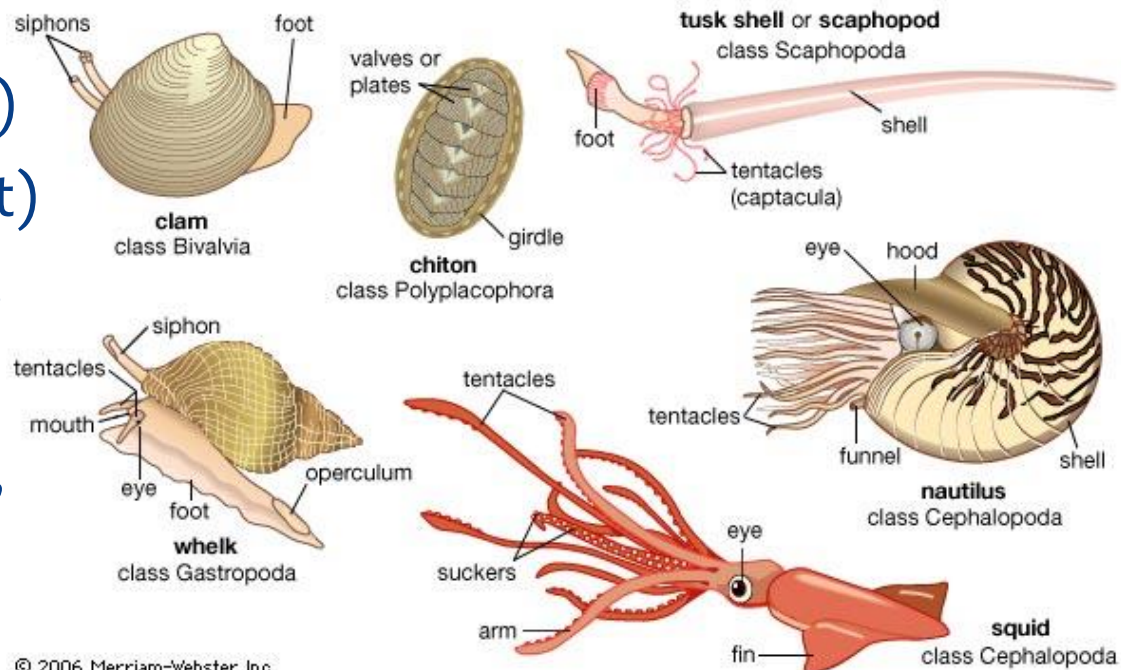
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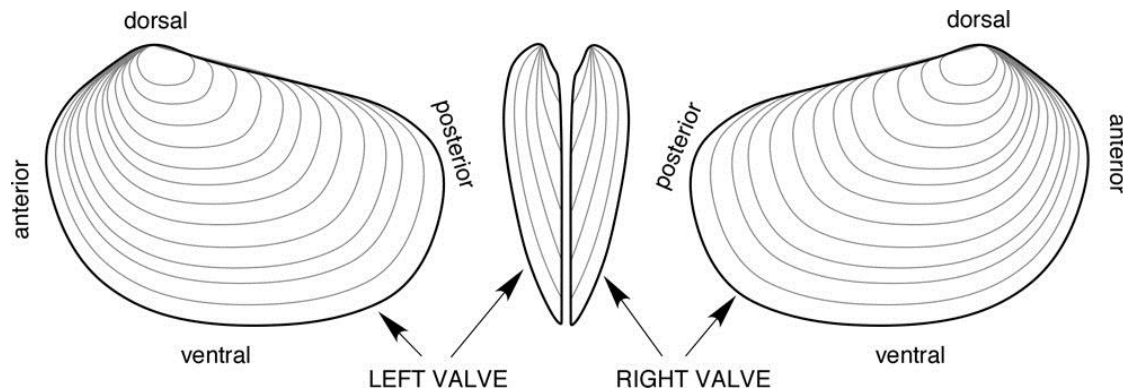
- **Soft-bodies**
- Calcium carbonate **shell**
- **Mantle** (thin layer of tissue that covers the body)
 - Mantle secretes the shell
- **Bilateral** symmetry (most)
- Muscular **foot** (movement)
- **Head** with sensory organs
- Paired **gills** (O₂ exchange)
- **Radula** (tool used to feed, scrapes surfaces)



Bivalvia

clams, mussels, oysters, scallops

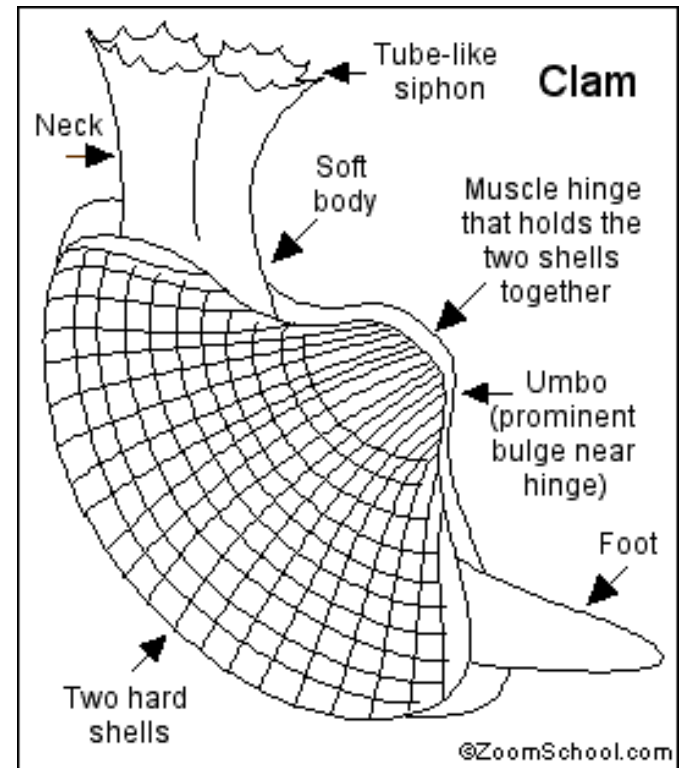
- Approx. 10,000 species
- Bodies are **bilaterally** symmetrical, laterally compressed
- Have head, foot, coiled visceral mass (internal organ)
- Mantle: membrane that lines the inside of the shell; contains glands that release calcium carbonate.
- Clams live buried in sand; intertidal and subtidal zones.



Bivalvia

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- Body is enclosed within a shell
 - 2 shells (valves)
 - Valves hinged at one end.
 - **Umbo** is hump at dorsal (top) side of shells, near hinge
 - Umbo is the oldest part of the shell
 - Growth of shell is from umbo – growth lines/rings show on shell.
 - No head, no radula
 - Gills: exchange oxygen and filter food particles from water.
 - Adductor muscles keep shells closed.



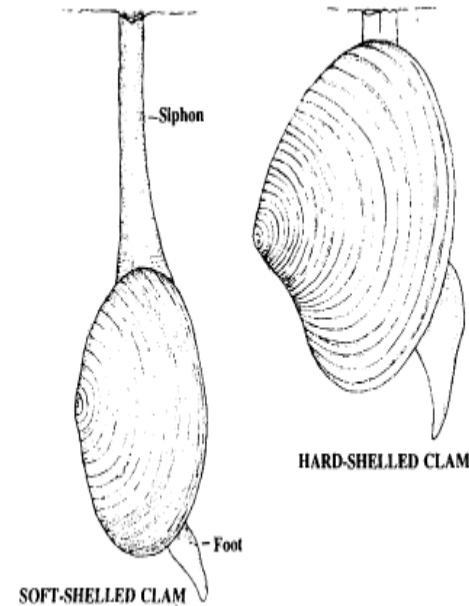
World's Oldest Animal: a clam!

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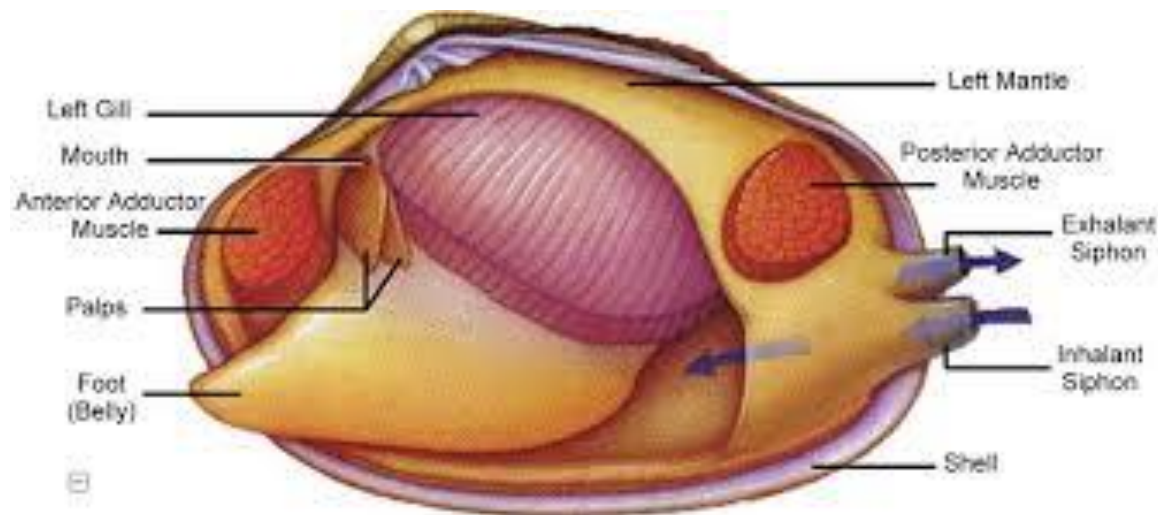
Bilvalve Feeding

- Shells are shut tight; only a small gap between them.
- Siphon tube sticks out from gap to feed and breathe.
 - Incurrent (IN) and outcurrent (OUT) openings
 - Water moves IN (**food particles and O₂**)
 - Water moves OUT (**waste from digestion and CO₂**)
- Bivalves are filter feeders: water comes in through the siphon and washes over gills – food particles get stuck on gills and mantle and are then moved toward the mouth.



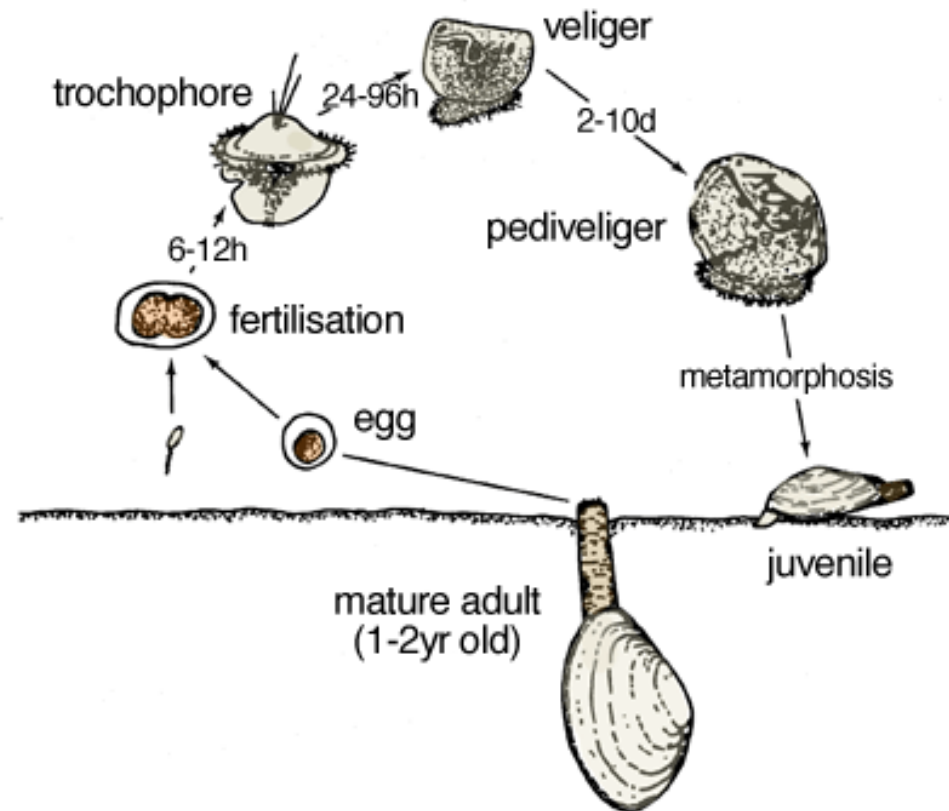
Bilvalve Breathing

- Breathe using gills: water flows over gills - O₂ comes in, CO₂ goes out
- Open circulatory system transports oxygen through a colorless blood.



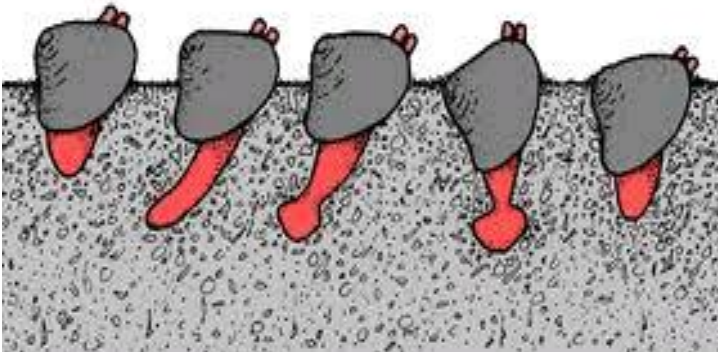
Bilvalve Reproduction

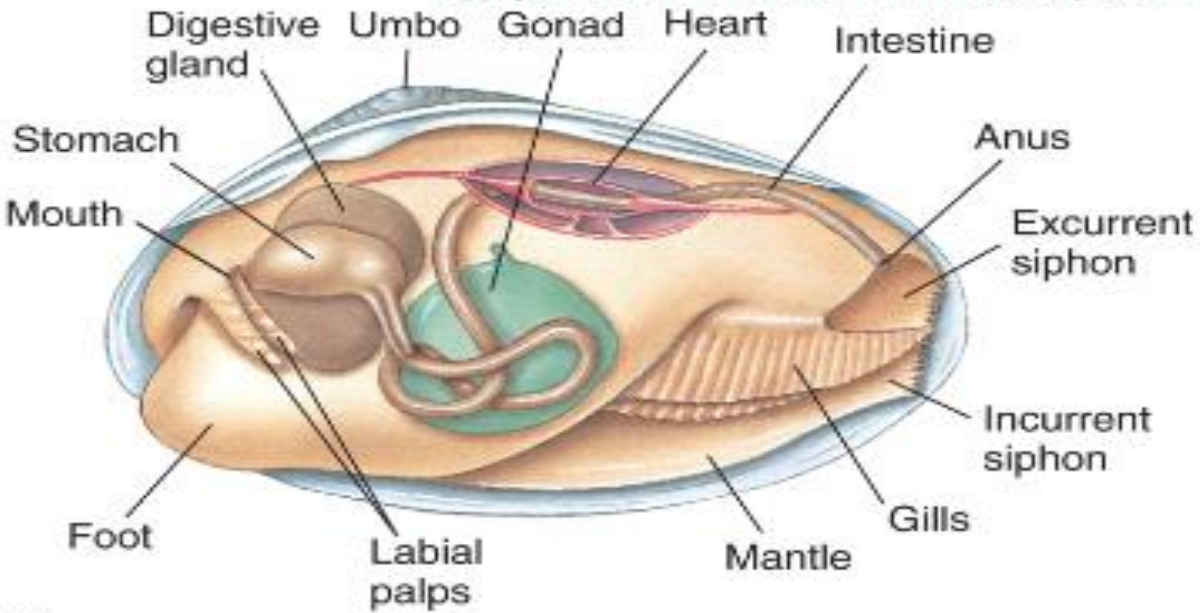
- Reproduction is **external**: eggs and sperm are released into the water.
- **Temporary zooplankton**: larvae are planktonic.
 - When shells are formed, they sink to the bottom and develop into adults.



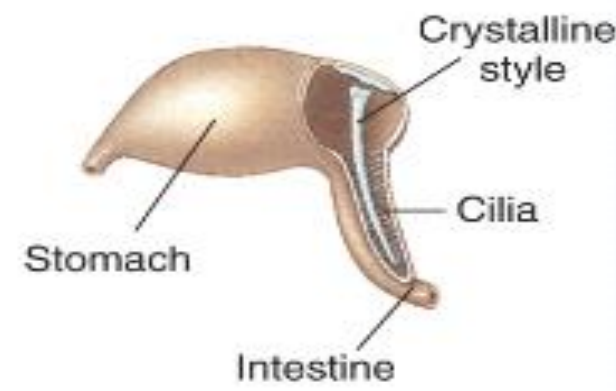
Bivalve Diversity

- Not all bivalves burrow in sand
 - **Mussels:** use byssal threads (protein fibers) to attach themselves to rocks, other surfaces.
 - **Oysters:** cement themselves to shells of other oysters.
 - **Scallops:** some species swim by clapping their shells together (one very strong adductor muscle)

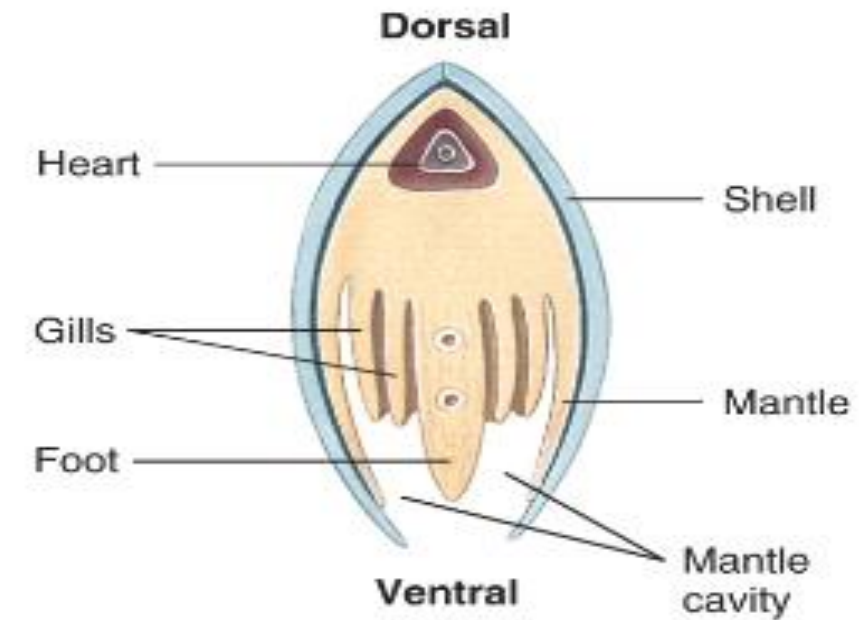




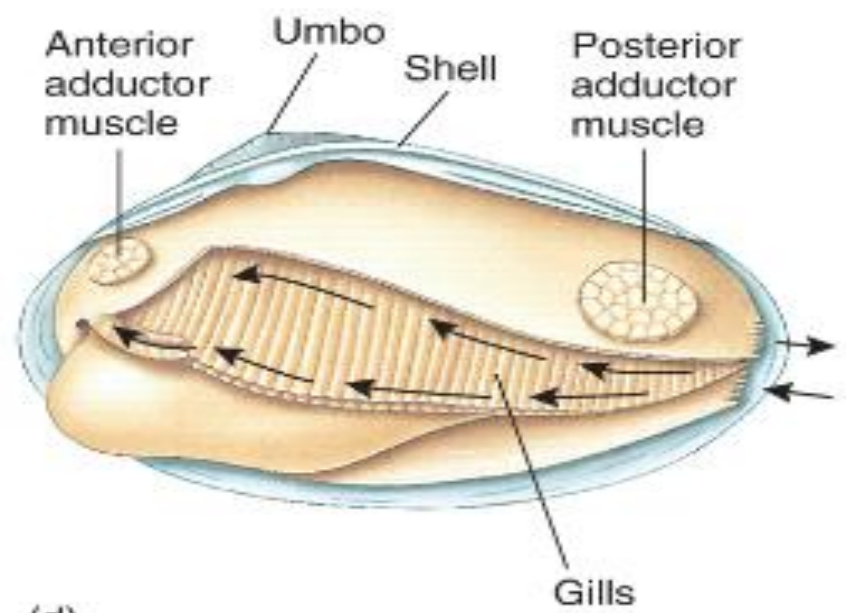
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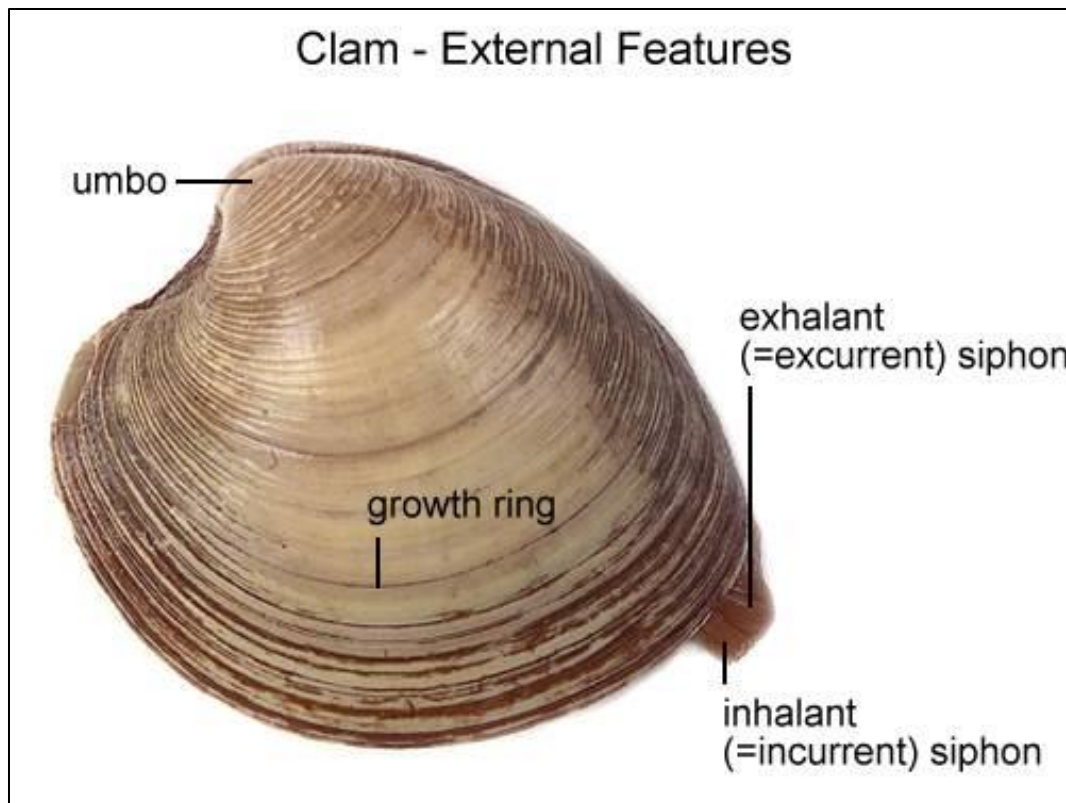


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Clam – external features

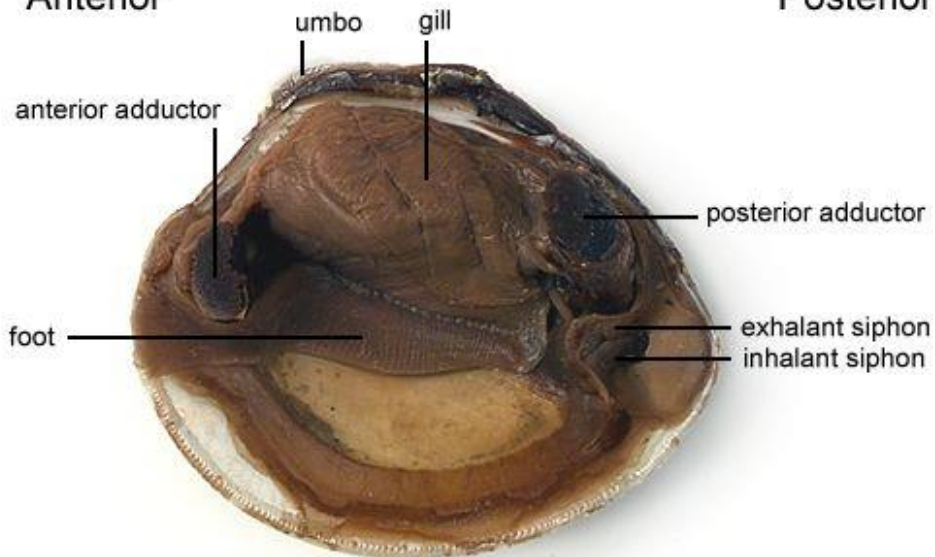


Clam – internal features

Clam - Left Valve Removed

Anterior

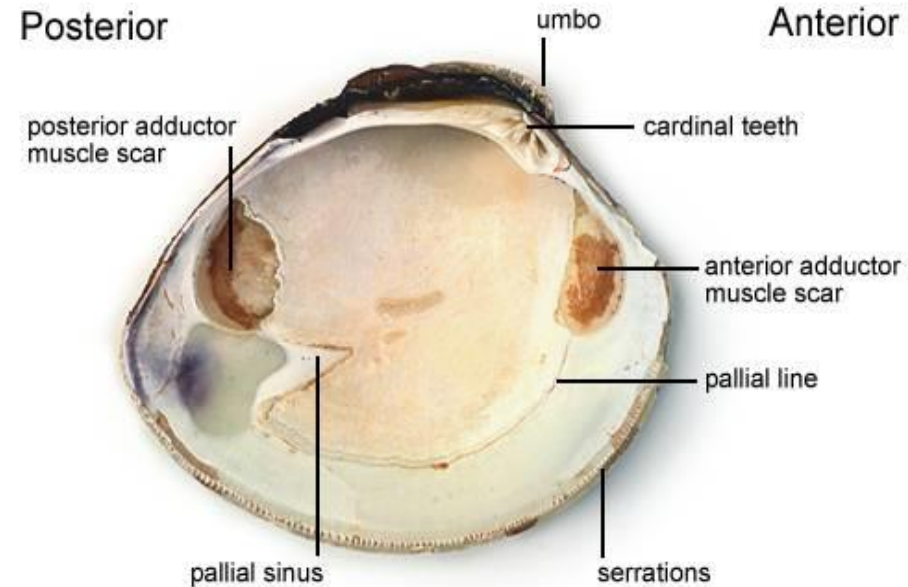
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Clam - Inner Surface of the Left Valve

Posterior

Anterior



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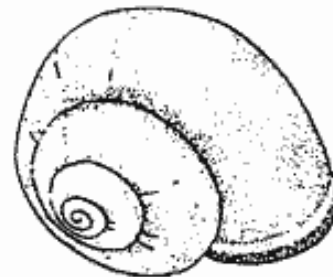
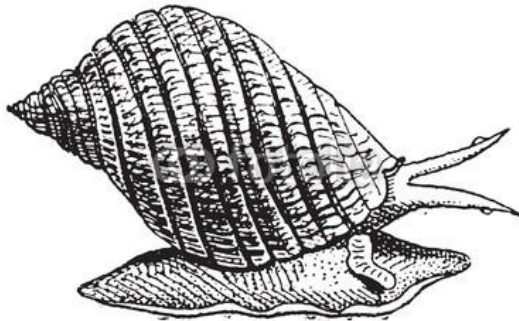
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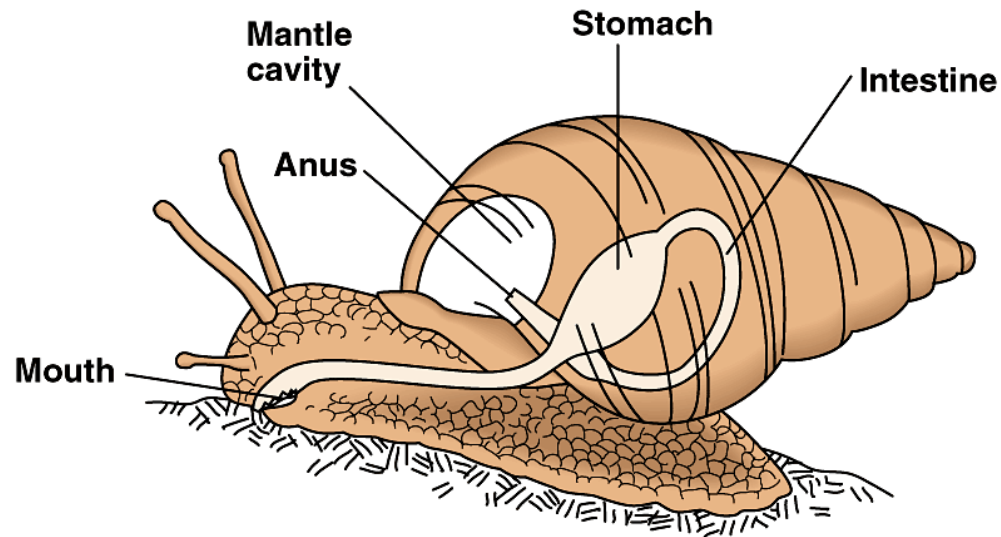
Gastropods: snails and slugs

- Two-thirds of all mollusks are gastropods.
 - 80,000-100,000 species (mostly marine)
- Univalves: one shell – it is usually spiral or coiled.
- Gastropoda means “stomach-foot”.



Gastropod Feeding

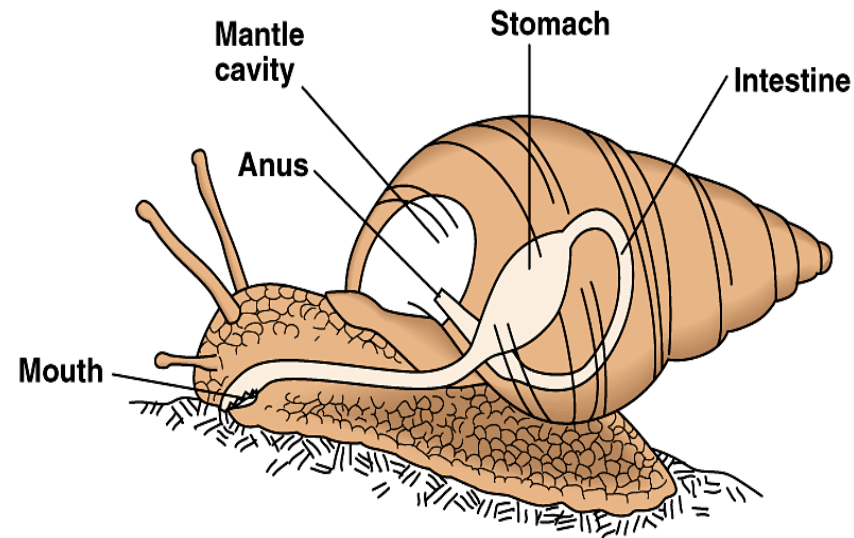
- Large muscular foot is used to move on surfaces.
- **Radula** is used to scrape food from rocks.
- Food is taken in through the mouth and moves down a one-way digestive tract; waste is sent out through the anus.



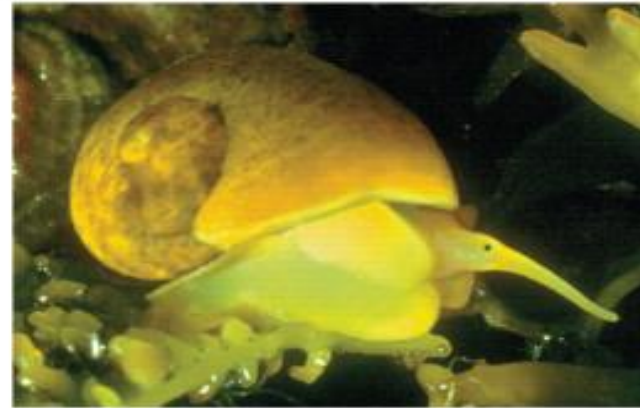
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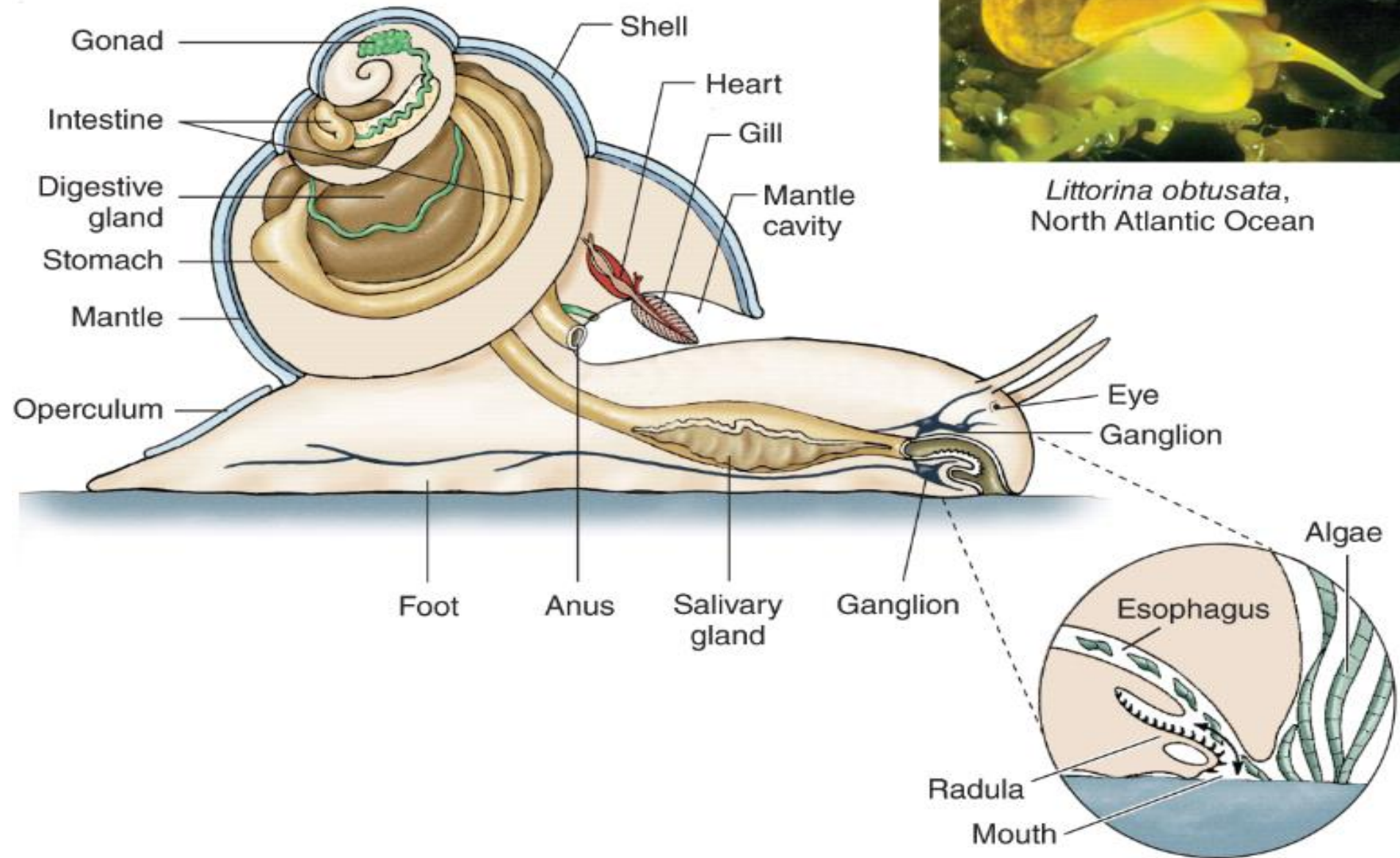
- Nutrients are transported using an open circulatory system:
 - **Heart** pumps blood through tissue when it contracts.
- **Kidneys:** filter and send out waste from cells.
- **Operculum:** trapdoor over shell's opening.
 - When not feeding or moving, snails close up into their shells.



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Littorina obtusata,
North Atlantic Ocean

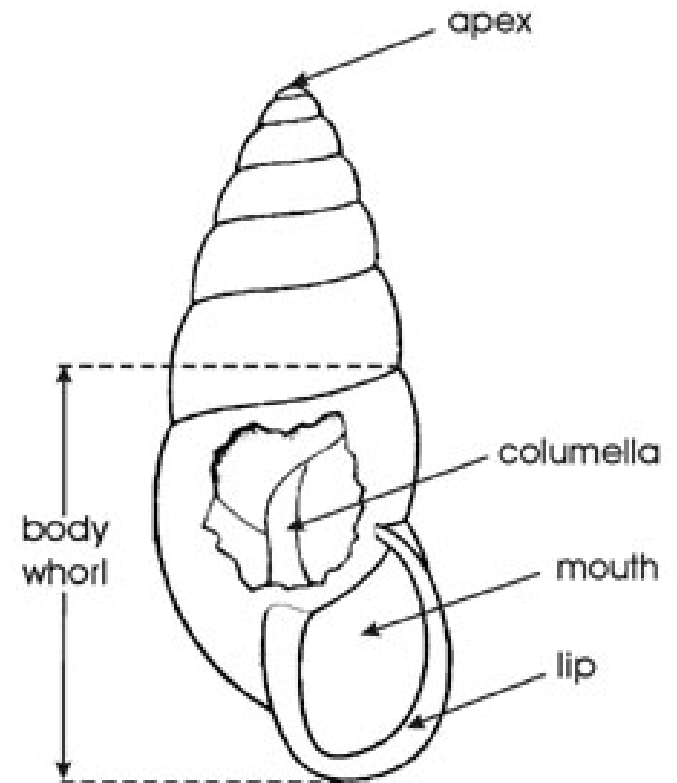


Gastropod Reproduction

- Some species have **separate sexes**.
- Some species are **hermaphrodites** (both male & female)
- **Internal** fertilization: egg is fertilized **INSIDE** the organism.
- **External** development: fertilized eggs can be deposited into the water OR eggs may develop in an egg case.
- Many snail larvae are **planktonic**.

Shell Morphology

- APEX: first part of shell formed; oldest.
- WHORL: one complete coil of the shell.
- BODY WHORL: last part of shell formed; youngest.
- MOUTH: opening of shell.
- LIP: thickened edge of mouth.
- SPIRE: all visible whorls, not including body whorl.

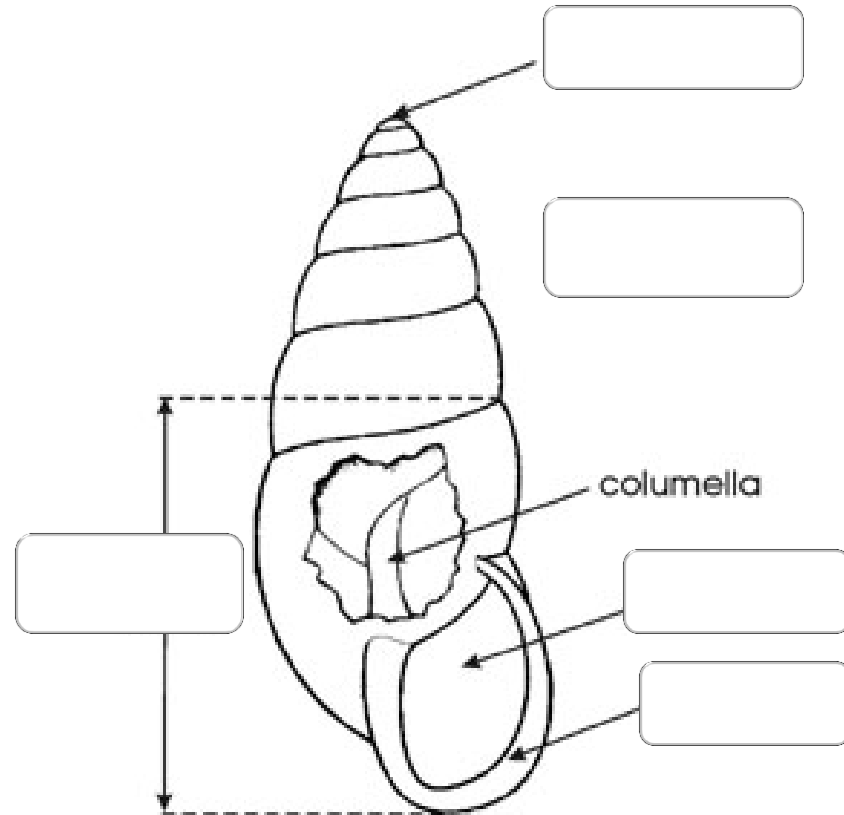


Gastropod Anatomy

STRUCTURE	FUNCTION
Shell	Protection
Muscular foot	Movement
Anterior antennae (eyes)	Vision
Posterior antennae	Sensitivity
Siphon	Water intake
Gills	Breathing/gas exchange
Radula	Feeding/ingestion
Mouth, stomach, intestines, anus	One-way digestion
Kidney	Filtration & Excretion
Heart	Nutrient transport

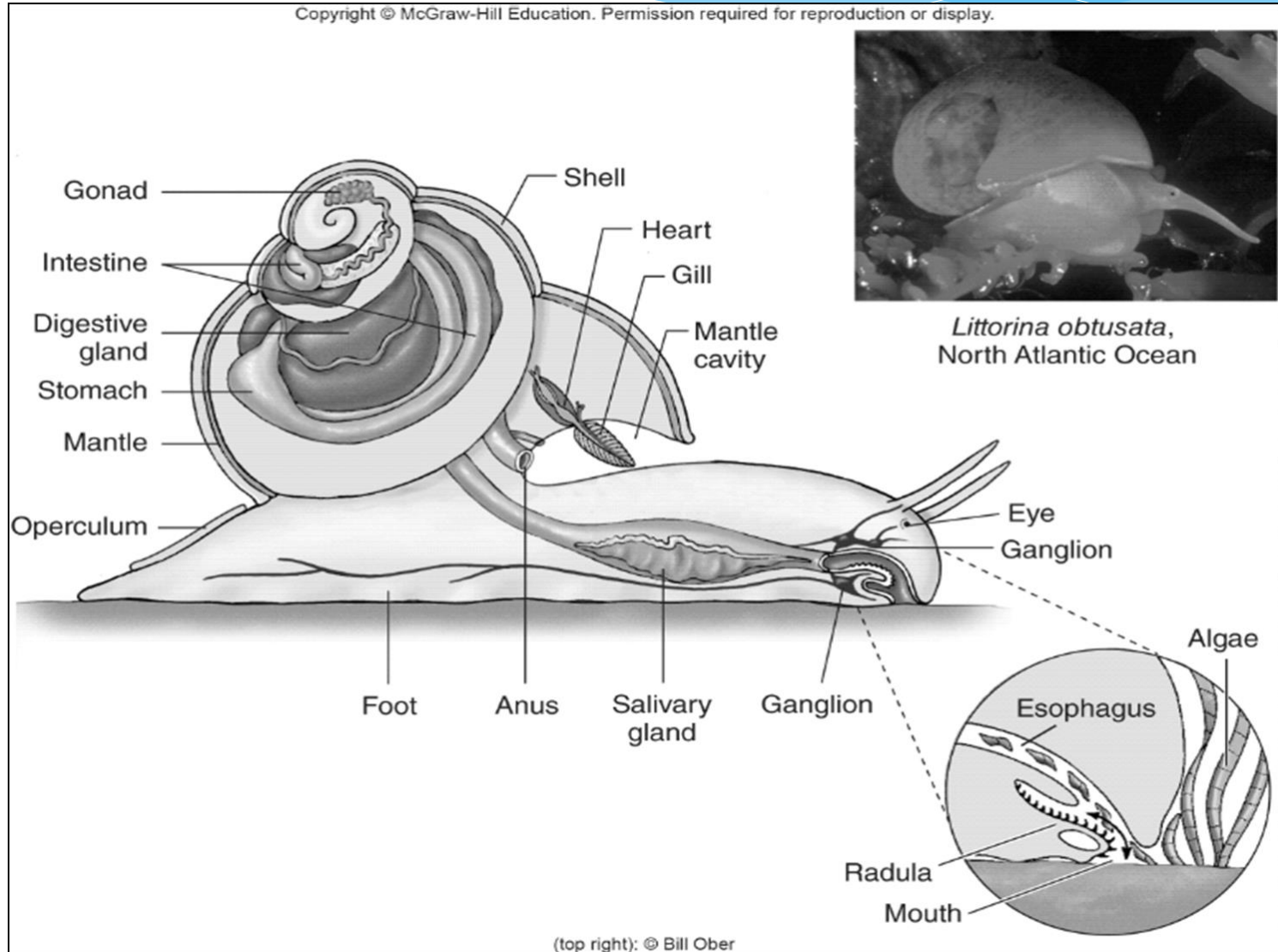
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STRUCTURE

FUNCTION

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Molluscs

<http://shapeoflife.org/video/molluscs-survival-game>

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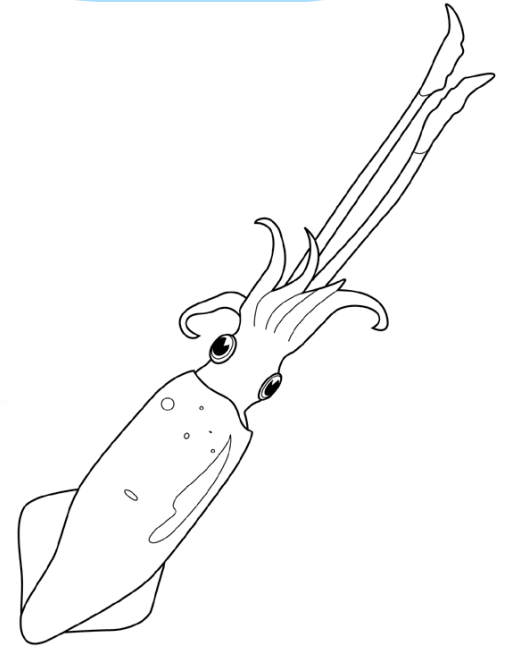
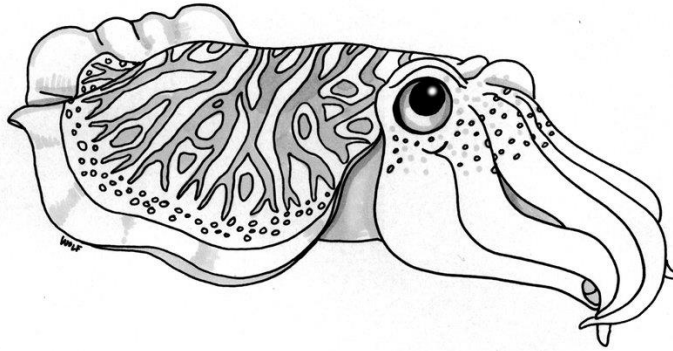
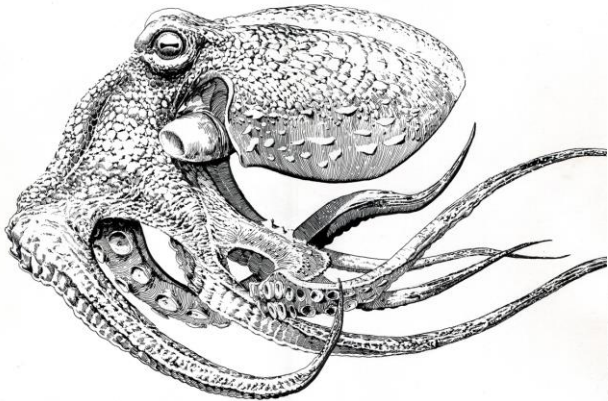
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Cephalopoda: squid, octopus, cuttlefish

- 800 marine species
- Prominent head and tentacles
- Cephalopoda means “head-foot”.



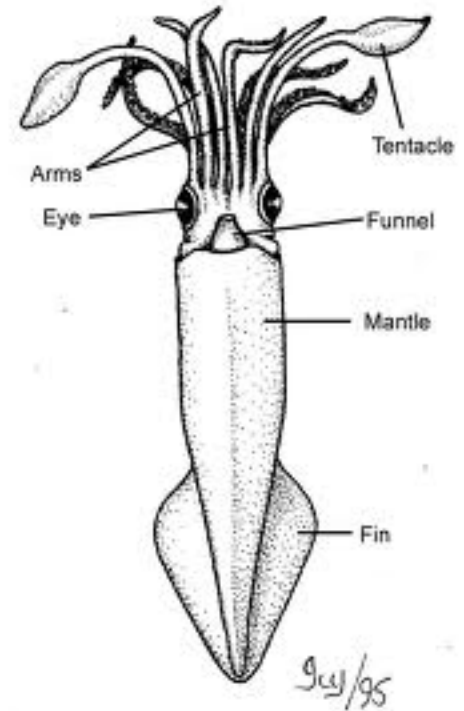
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- **Swimming mollusks: swim by jet propulsion**
 - Streamlined body shape
 - No external shell (shell is either lost or very reduced)
 - Draw water into mantle and then contract mantle to send water out of the water jet/siphon – **propels** through water.
 - **Can direct** themselves by changing the direction of the water jet (coordinated by a highly developed nervous system).
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eT8sNJp9yOw>

Cephalopoda: squid, octopus, cuttlefish

- “Foot” of Cephalopods is modified into arms & tentacles
 - Tentacles: capture prey (fish, crabs)
 - Animal is killed with their beak.
 - Octopus also paralyzes with venom
- Complex nervous system.
- One-way digestive tract (mouth → anus)
- Closed circulatory system transports nutrients.



Cephalopoda:

squid, octopus, cuttlefish

- **Squid:** long, thin internal shell (“pen”)
 - Fastest cephalopod; swims in **large schools** (gives protection)
 - 8 arms, 2 tentacles
- **Octopus:** no remaining shell (some may have vestigial remnants)
 - Solitary, efficient hunters (use beak, also venom in some sp.)
 - 8 arms
- **Cuttlefish:** internal shell(cuttlebone)
 - 8 arms, 2 tentacles
 - **solitary** organism
- **Nautilus:** large external shell
 - **solitary** organisms.
 - 60-90 short tentacles

Cephalopoda: ADAPTATIONS

- Camoufla



Cephalopoda: Chambered Nautilus

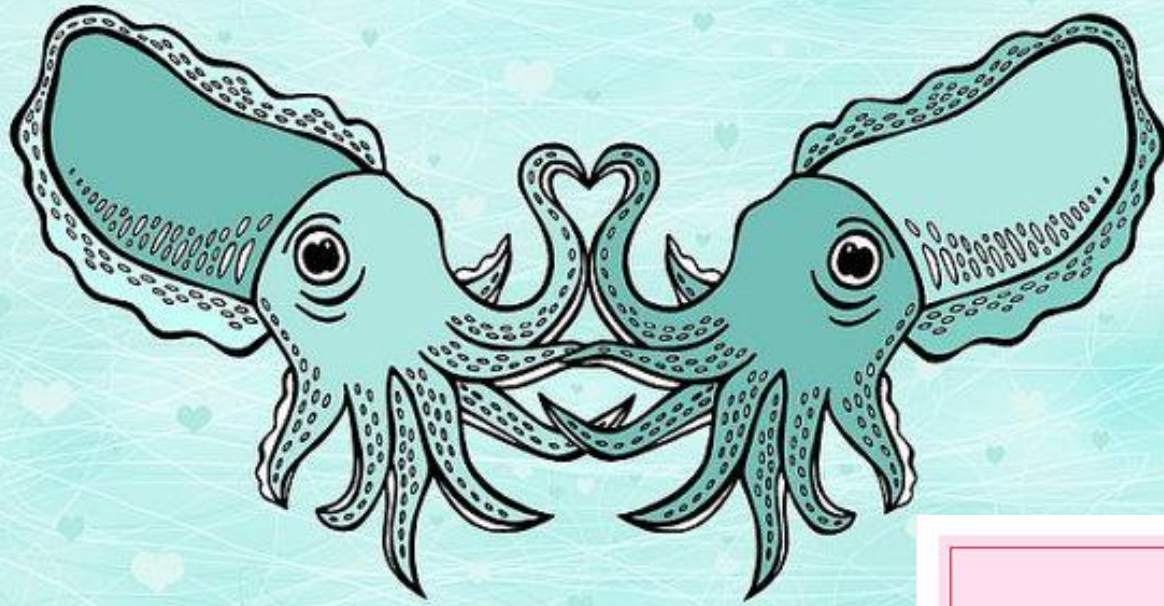
- Has a coiled external shell.
- Shell has multiple compartments, some filled with gas to help with buoyancy.
- Lives in deep, tropical waters.
- Feeds during the night in shallower waters.



Cnidarian Project



- You will be assigned 2 types of Cephalopods.
- Go online and research the basic characteristics and life history of two chosen species.
- Create a Valentine for each Cnidarian (you must choose a specific species).
 - *Make it cheesy and creative.*
 - *Follow the rubric!*
- **This assignment will be worth a DOUBLE CW GRADE!**





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMFqV4SJLWg>

Cephalopoda: Cuttlefish

- Shell is internal – helps support the soft body.
- Lives on the bottom of the ocean, preys on invertebrates in the sand.
- Ten tentacles, 2 are very long.



Cephalopoda: Reproduction

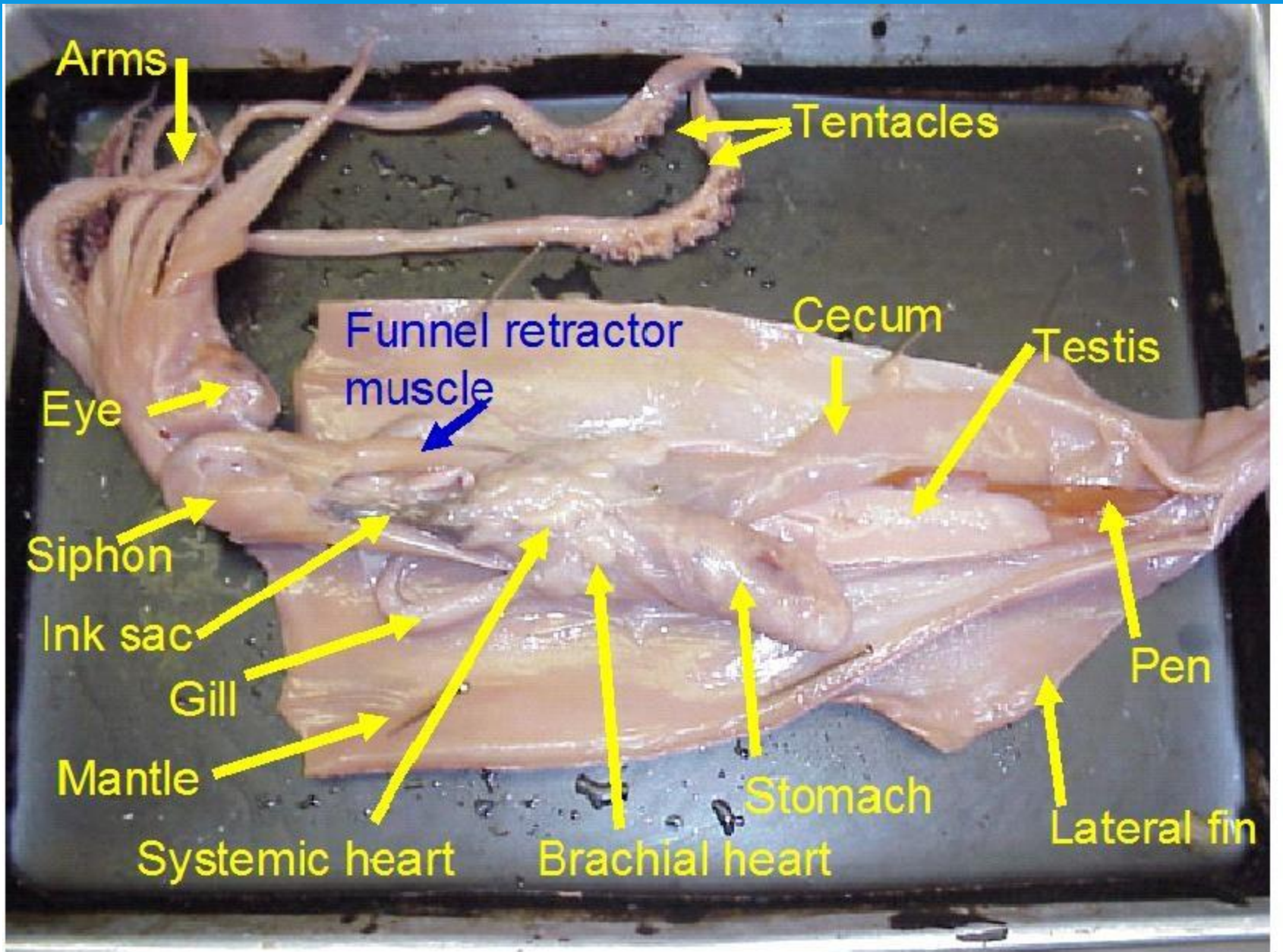
- Breed in shallow water.
- Separate sexes: internal fertilization; external development.
- Male uses tentacle to deliver sperm to female (places it in mantle cavity).
 - Fertilized eggs are placed on rocks or algae: squid die after mating; octopus female cares for the eggs.

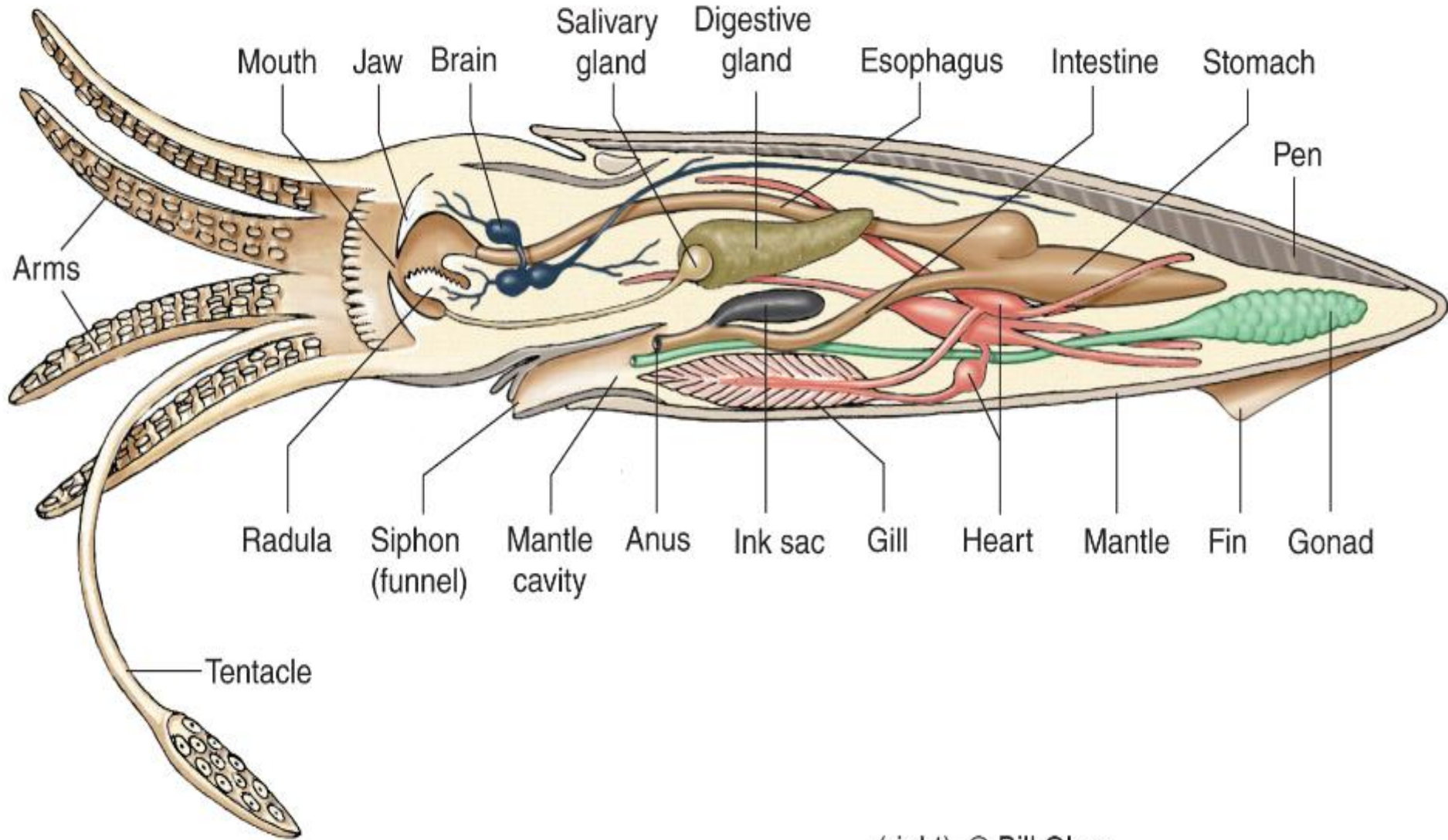


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Squid Dissection

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