

# Mollusks

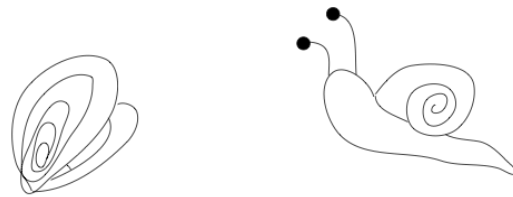
Mollusks are a phylum of squishy bodied invertebrates (no bones on the inside) with a soft covering called a mantle, and is sometimes protected by shells.

Watch this YouTube video by MooMoo Math and Science about bivalves, gastropods and cephalopods:

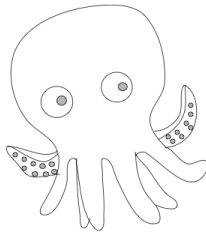
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Feel free to draw and name other types of mollusk cousins for each class of mollusks below.

Oysters are **bivalves**, which have two shells connected by a hinge, and have no heads. They live in fresh and salt water.



Snails are **gastropods**, which have one shell on top (except for slugs) and walk on their foot. They can live on land or in fresh or salt water.



The octopus is a **cephalopod**, which has a distinct head, a relatively large brain and tentacles. Most have good vision and the ability to shoot out ink for protection.

What is **similar** about these three types of mollusks? Use words or pictures:

What is **different** about these three types? Use words or pictures: