

Sea Star Symmetry

Materials

- sea creature print outs
- crayons/markers



15-20 minutes

Sea stars are a great example of symmetry. **Symmetry** is when something looks the same way on one side as it does on the other. If you think about your face and imagine a line going right down the middle, does it look the same on one side as it does on the other? That's symmetry! Sea stars are a good example of **radial symmetry** because each of their arms is exactly the same, coming out from a point right in the middle of their body. Let's practice symmetry in different sea creatures!

Instructions

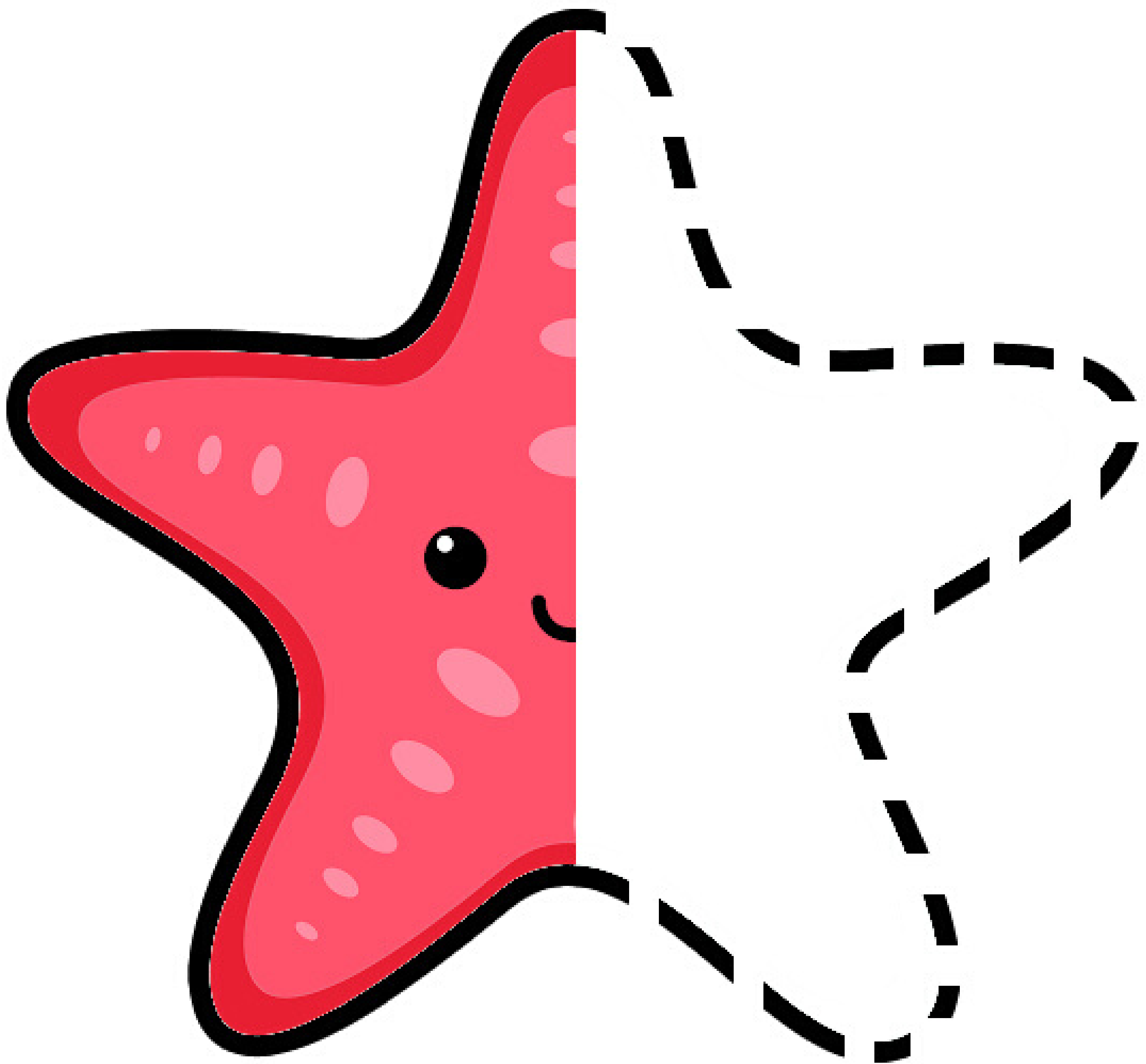


1. Print out the attached sea creature symmetry pages. If you don't have access to a printer, you could grab some blank paper and make your own! Have someone else draw one half of an animal, and then you try and draw the other half exactly the same!

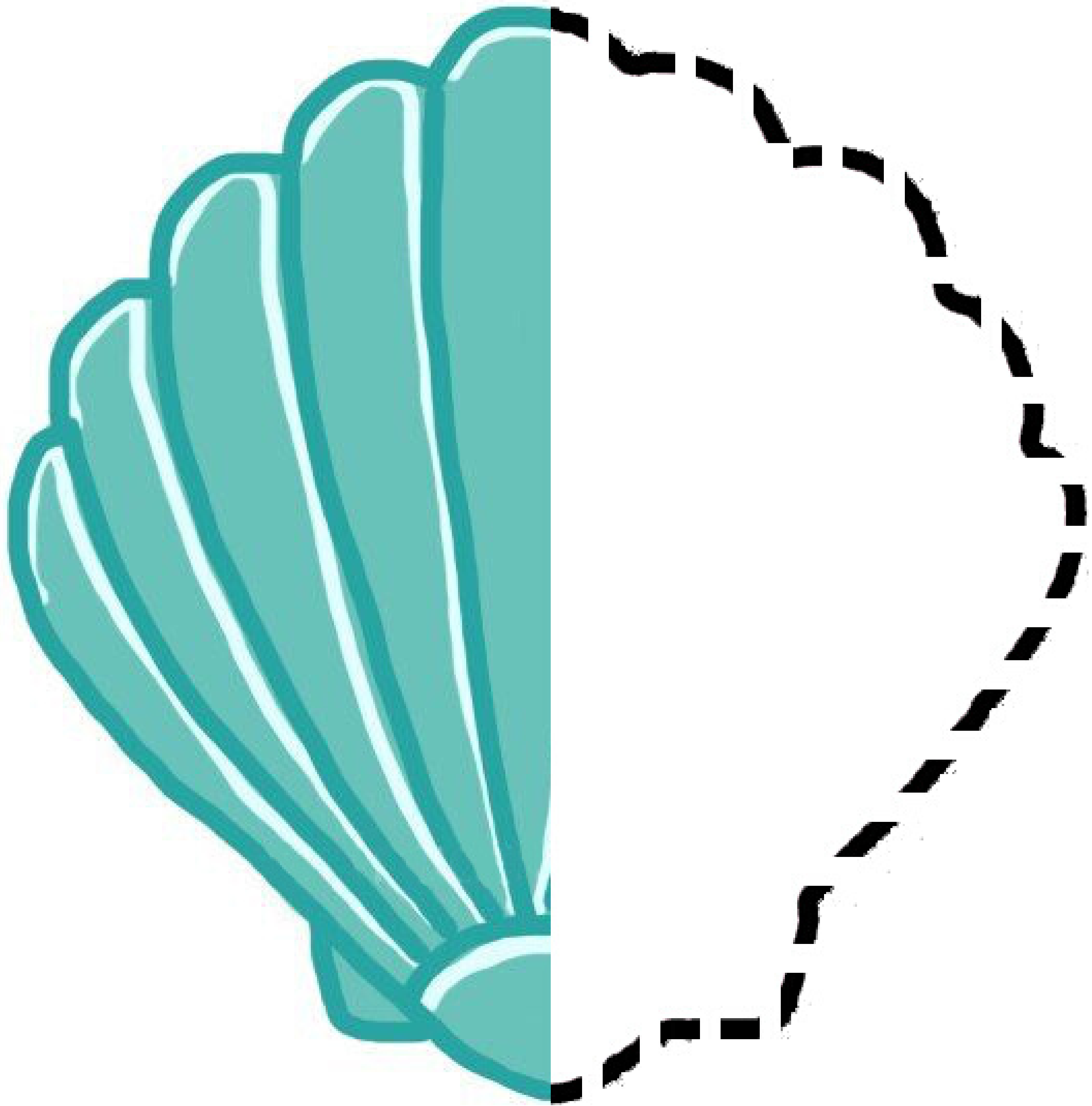
2. Using your crayons or markers, trace along the dotted lines to make both halves of the sea creature's body. Can you fill in the rest of the body to match too?

Continued Learning: Look around your house for other things that have **symmetry**! What sorts of things can you find that **don't** have symmetry?

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