

Can you find and identify?

Sea Lettuce



This is bright green and very thin, but wide. It is eaten sometimes in soups!

Sea grass



Deep green. Thin, like grass. Really important for keeping baby fish safe and holding the mud still!

Periwinkle



This is a sea snail. They are important. They keep the mud clean.

Oyster shell



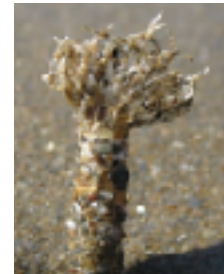
We see lots of these in Brightlingsea. We have Oyster beds here - they keep our sea water clean. Lots of people pay lots of money to eat these!

Cockle



These clean the mud and take out the bad things so other animals can live in our water. Lots of people like to eat them.

Sand Mason Worm



These will be under the water in the paddling pool or under rocks on the beach. They 'knit' a tunnel' to catch food. They don't bite but clean our water.

Comb Jellyfish



These are tiny. You will not see them in the sea, but can spot them around the edge of the paddling pool in the summer. They shine green in the moonlight. They do not sting.

Moon Jellyfish



We get lots of these in Brightlingsea when the sea gets warmer. They don't sting.

Crystal Jellyfish



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Baby crab



These are smaller than you fingernail. Don't forget to look for them around the green seaweed by the triangle on the post.

Bladder wrack



If you pop these bubbles they will be filled with jelly.

Knotted wrack



This had air bubbles that make a great popping noise when you manage to pop them!

Slipper Limpet



We see lots of these. They came from Japan originally and are not good for our oysters - they steal their food.

Acron barnacles



You'll find these on the back of shells, crabs and stones. They can live in lots of places!

Limpet



These are only just being seen in our estuary again. They usually hide on walls and posts under the wrack (black seaweed).

Rag worm



These are little and usually live in the muddy sand. When you are digging a dam or sand castle near the mud, you might see them.

Sea scud



Usually found under seaweed or rocks. This helps our mud stay clean. Look carefully - they move fast!

Can you see if a big crab is a boy or girl? Boy is at the top and girl is at the bottom.

