

***DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT***

# MARINE LIFE



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## **WHO EATS ALL THE FISH?**

**When scientists were studying who ate the most fish, it was discovered that more fish eat other fish than humans eat fish.**

# DO FISH SLEEP?



Yes, they do. But they don't have eyelids.

# FISH CAN GET SUNBURN

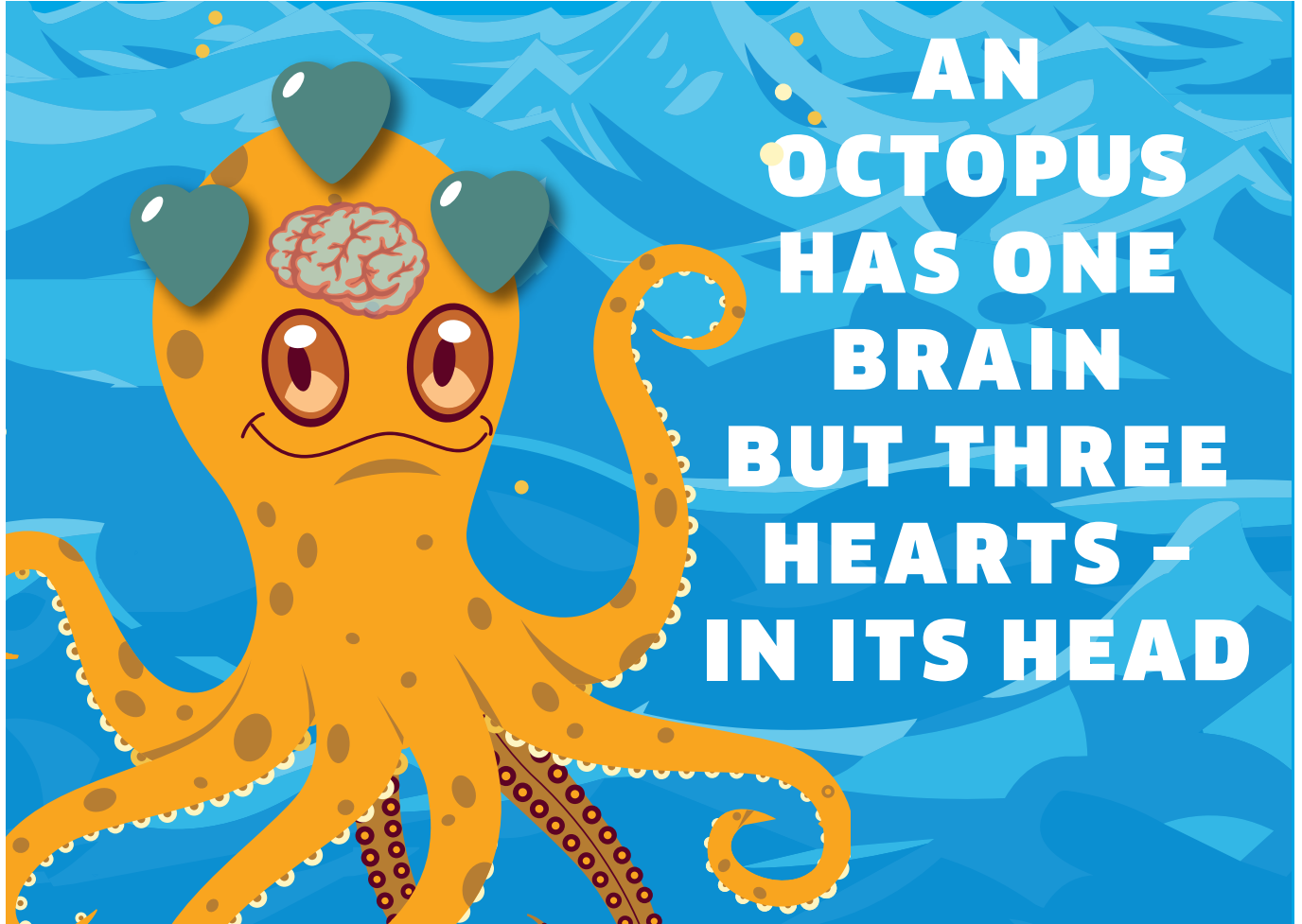


# HOW CAN YOU TELL HOW OLD A FISH IS?

Fish have a bone in the ear which has rings like those in a tree. They grow two rings per year.

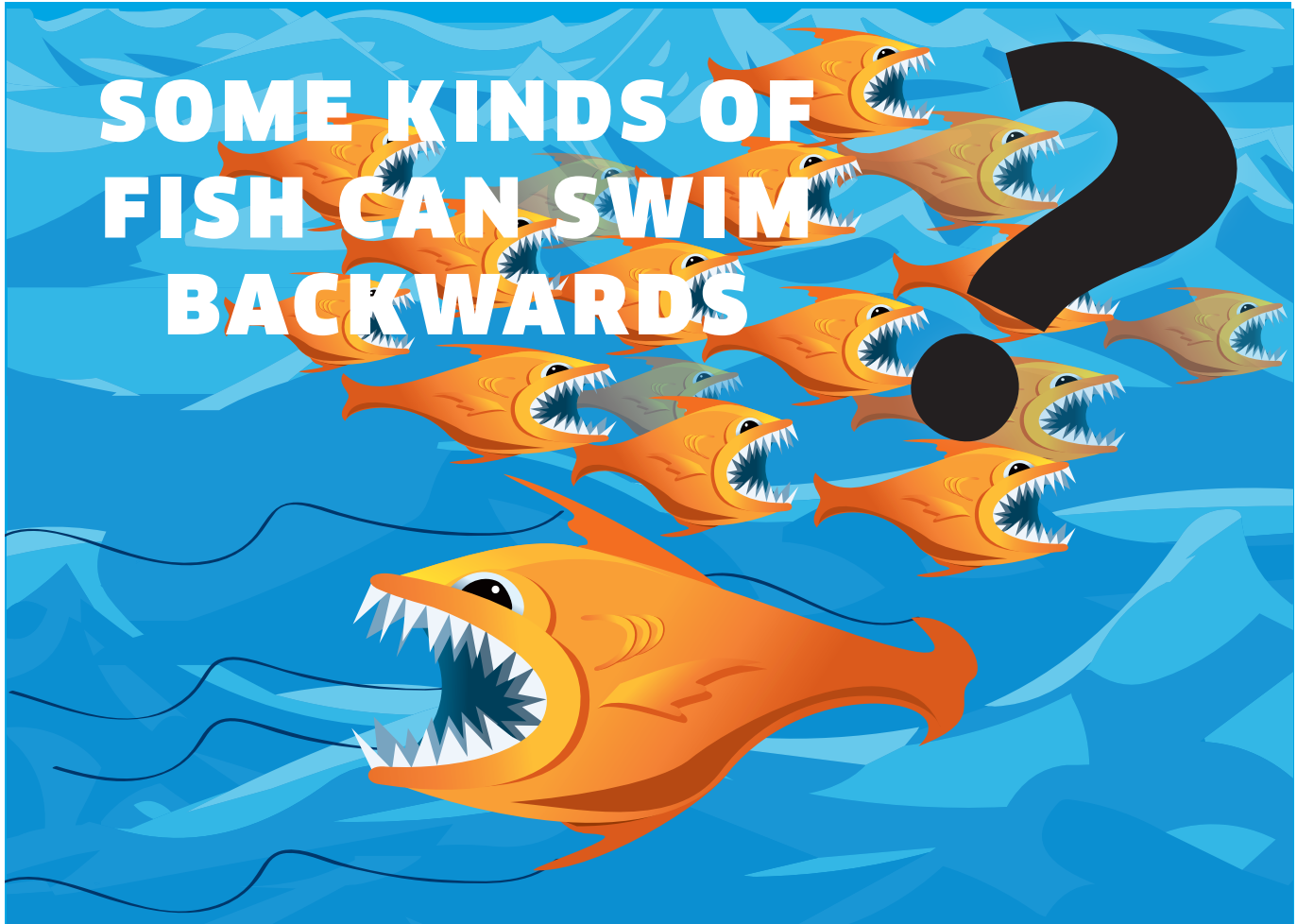


Angler fish ear bone (otolith), age 5



**AN  
OCTOPUS  
HAS ONE  
BRAIN  
BUT THREE  
HEARTS -  
IN ITS HEAD**

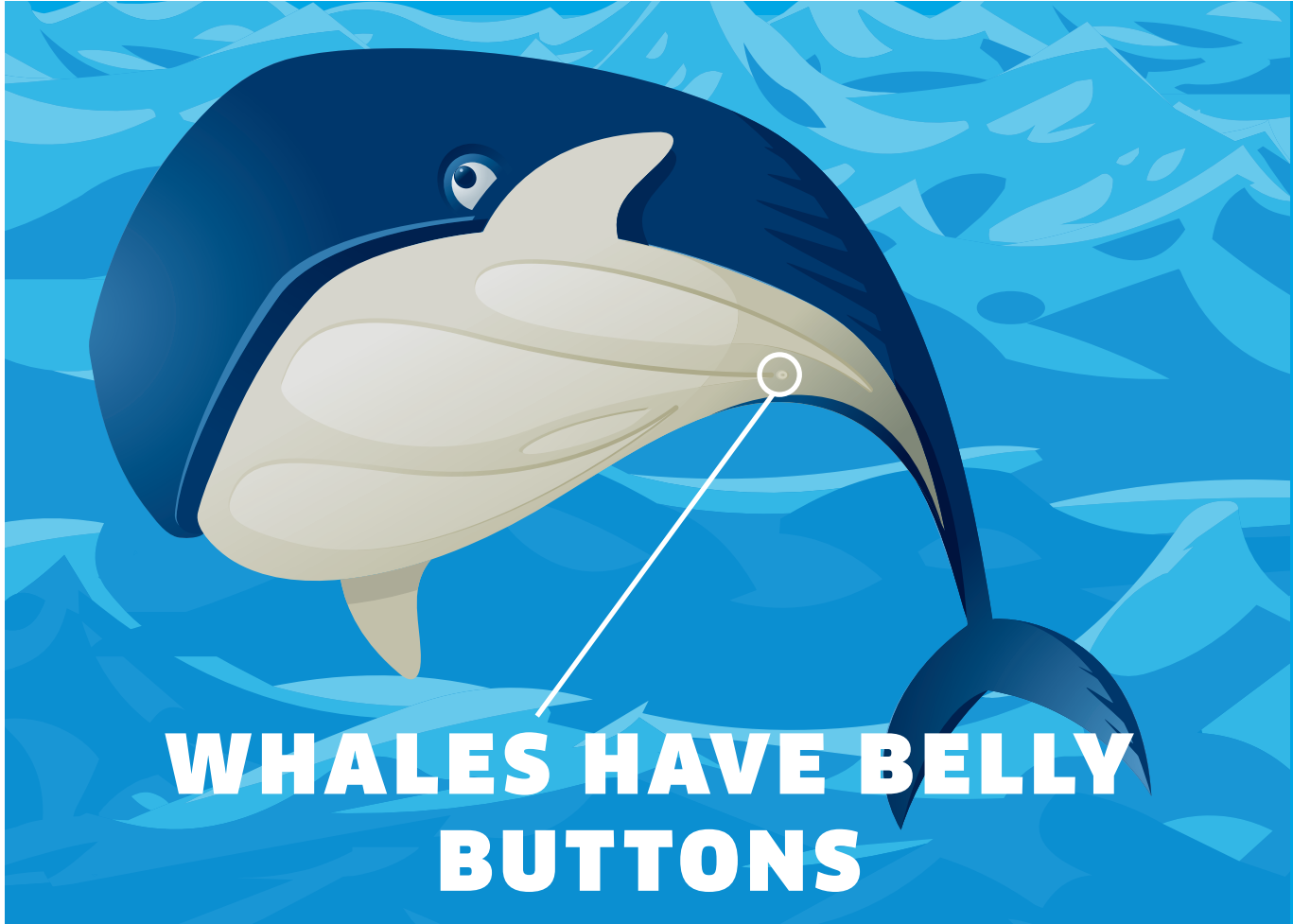
**SOME KINDS OF  
FISH CAN SWIM  
BACKWARDS**







90% of the  
grey seals  
and 80% of  
the harbour  
(common)  
seals that  
breed in  
Britain  
come from  
Scotland.



**WHALES HAVE BELLY  
BUTTONS**



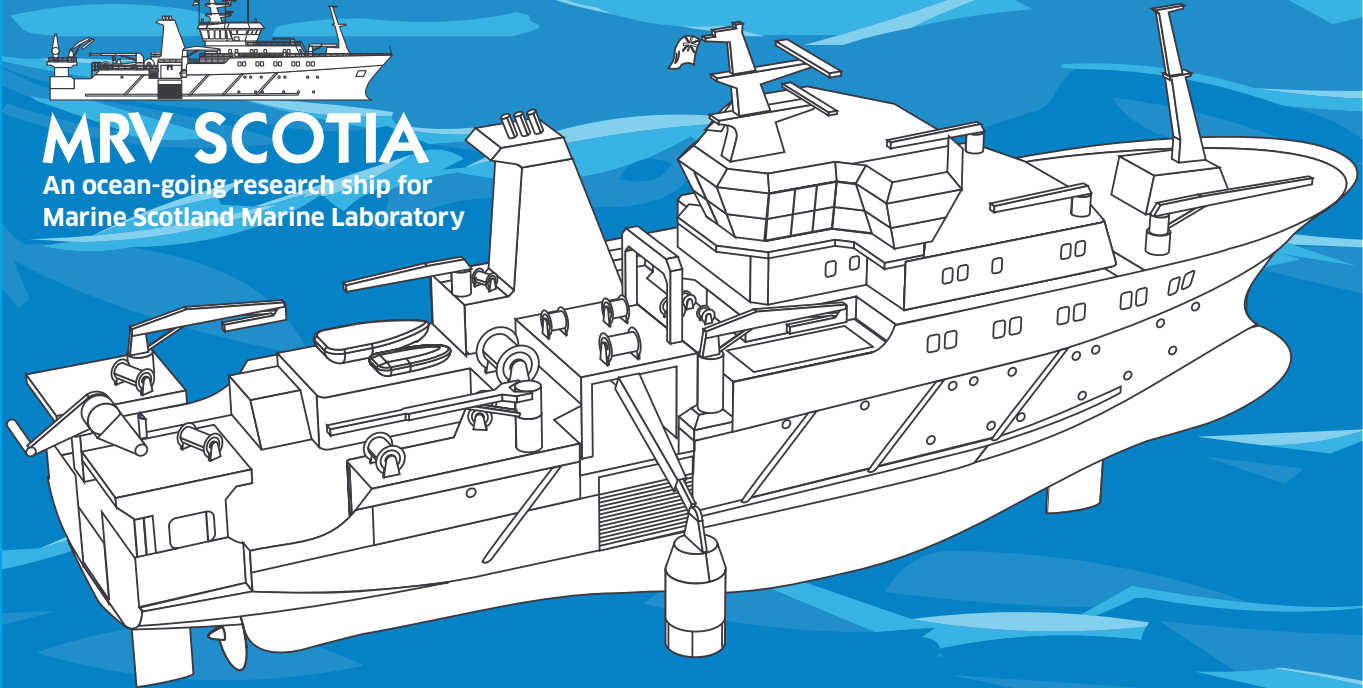
**Sea shells are mostly made of calcium,  
just like our own bones.**

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Fish  
Crab  
Coral  
Shark  
Starfish  
Whale  
Dolphin  
Seaweed  
Krill  
Eel

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