My Starfish Fact File

Read the starfish fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a starfish

Starfish facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. echinoderm ____	A. a simple eye that senses light and dark
2. tube feet ____	B. the part of the shore that is underwater at high tide and dry at low tide
3. regeneration ____	C. tiny, soft, water-filled tubes that sea stars use to move and grip
4. eyespot ____	D. a sea animal with spiny skin, such as a sea star, sea urchin or sand dollar
5. intertidal zone ____	E. growing back a body part that was lost

The most amazing thing I learned about sea stars

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Answer Key

Starfish Fact File

Starfish facts

Scientific name:	Class Asteroidea (about 2,000 sp.)
Size:	Under 1 in to about 3 ft across
Weight:	Grams to over 10 lb (sunflower star)
Lifespan:	Up to about 35 years
Diet:	Clams, mussels, snails, urchins, coral
Habitat:	Tide pools to the deep sea floor
Where:	Every ocean on Earth
Status:	Varies; sunflower star IUCN CR

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–D, 2–C, 3–E, 4–A, 5–B

Wow facts to share

- A sea star can push its stomach out of its mouth to eat.
- It has an eyespot at the tip of each arm.
- Some kinds can regrow a whole body from one arm.