

I. Transport

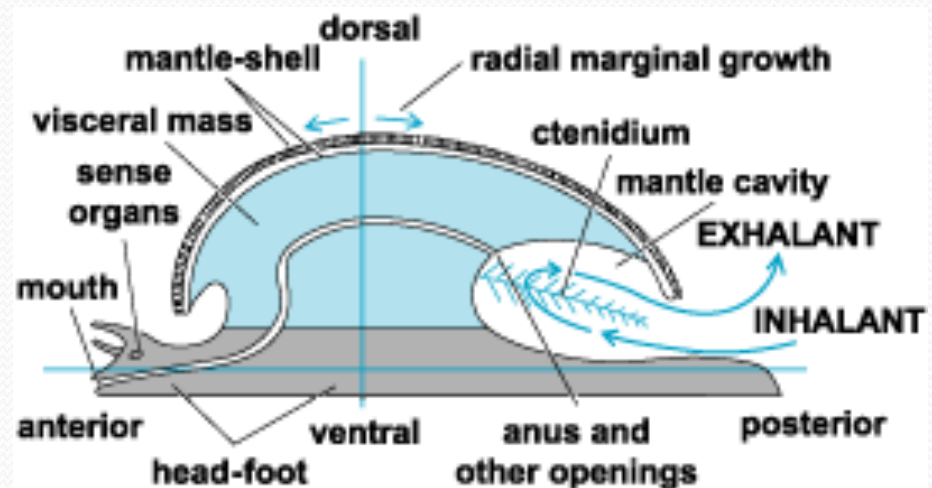
1. Slow-moving species: *Open* circulatory system

- a) The blood is pumped by a simple heart
- b) Blood works its way through body tissues in open spaces called sinuses
- c) Sinuses drain into vessels that pass first through the gills for O_2/CO_2 exchange, then back to the heart

2. Fast-moving species: *Closed* system (more *efficient*)

J. Excretion

1. Undigested food leaves through the anus as feces
2. Ammonia is removed from the body fluids by tube-shaped organs called nephridia



K. Response

1. Simple nervous systems

- a) In mollusks that live inactive lives e.g. clams
 - i) Several small ganglia near the mouth
 - ii) A few nerve cords
 - iii) Simple sense organs: chemical and touch receptors, statocysts (balance) & ocelli (eyespots)



2. Complex nervous systems [Escape Video](#)

- a) In active predators. e.g. Octopus
 - i) Well-developed brain = memory & intelligence
 - ii) Complex sense organs e.g. image-forming eyes

Octopus Intelligence



L. Reproduction

1. Most commonly: separate sexes and external fertilization; eggs and sperm are released into the open water and find each other by chance. A free-swimming larvae develop from the resulting fertilized eggs

2. Tentacled mollusks: separate sexes and internal fertilization

Cuttlefish Habits and Mating

3. Many snails: hermaphrodites internal fertilization

Slug Mating

III. Snail, Slugs, and Their Relatives

A. Class Gastropoda; origin of name: *Stomach*

Foot

B. All move by means of a broad, muscular foot located on the ventral (stomach) side

C. Have a one-piece shell that protects their soft bodies



IV. Two-Shelled Mollusks

- A. Class Bivalvia; Origin of name: *bi* = *two*; *valve* = *shell*
- B. Have two shells that are hinged together at the back and held together by one or two powerful muscles
- C. Examples of bivalves: *clams*, *oysters*, *scallops*

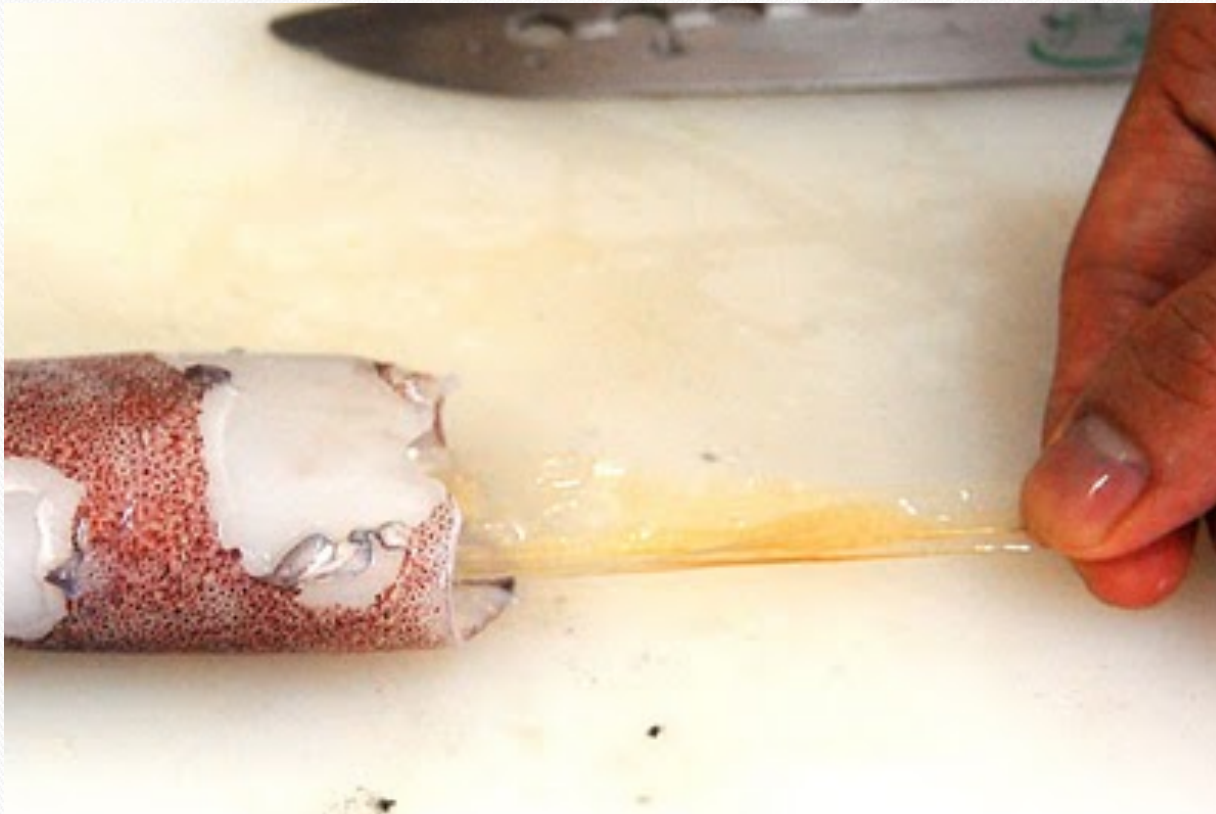


V. Tentacled Mollusks

- A. Class *Cephalopoda*; Origin of name : *cephalo* = head; *pod* = foot
- B. Examples of cephalopods: *cuttlefish, squids, octopi, nautilus*
- C. Size: < 2 cm to 20 m(!)



D. Most cephalopods have small internal shell (squid, cuttlefish) or none (octopus)



E. Defences:

1. Move rapidly by using a form of jet propulsion forcing water out of the mantle cavity through the tubelike siphon
2. Release dark-colored, foul-tasting ink
3. Change colour to blend into surroundings

VI. How Mollusks Fit into the World

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A. Many ecological roles:

1. Herbivores

2. Carnivores

3. Scavengers: eat detritus (clean up dead material)



B. Food source for humans and other animals

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ju7_ZORsZw

C. 3 examples of mollusks and how they are detrimental:

1. Damage gardens and crops



2. Shipworms: destroy wooden boats and docks



3 Clams and oysters can concentrate toxins in the water (e.g. red tide) that can harm or kill those who unknowingly harvest them

