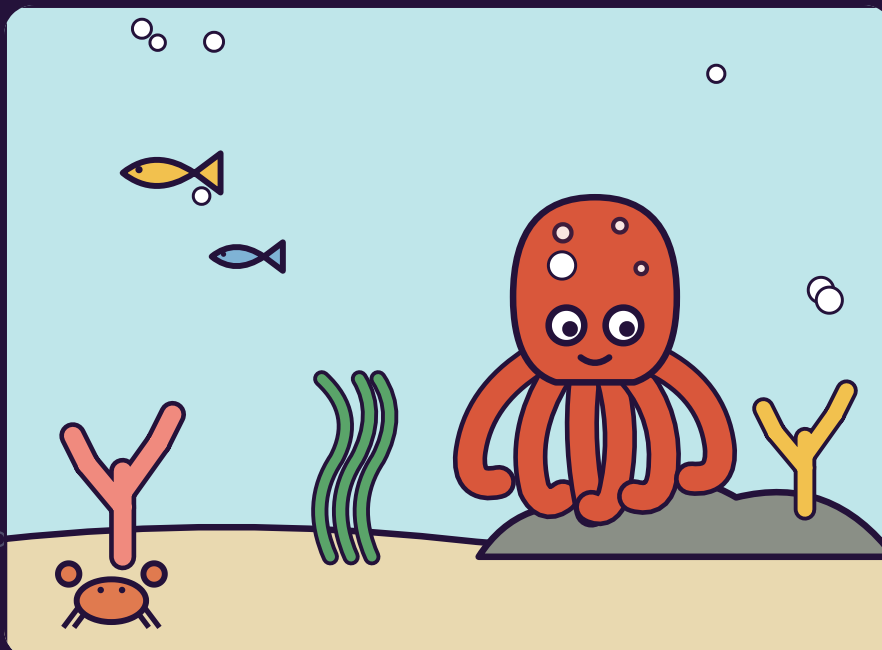


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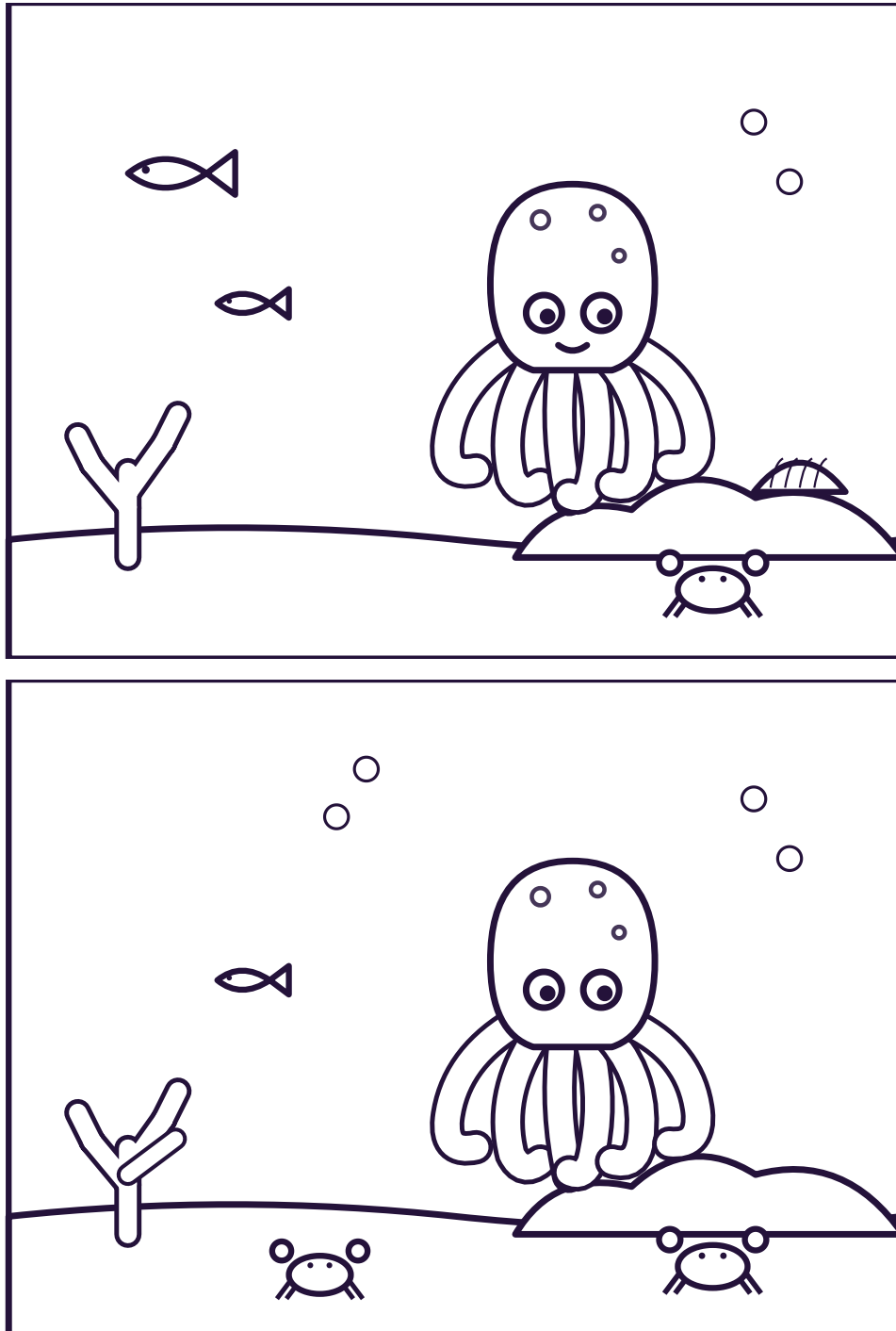
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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Six changes on the reef

Look carefully. Circle the six differences in the bottom picture.



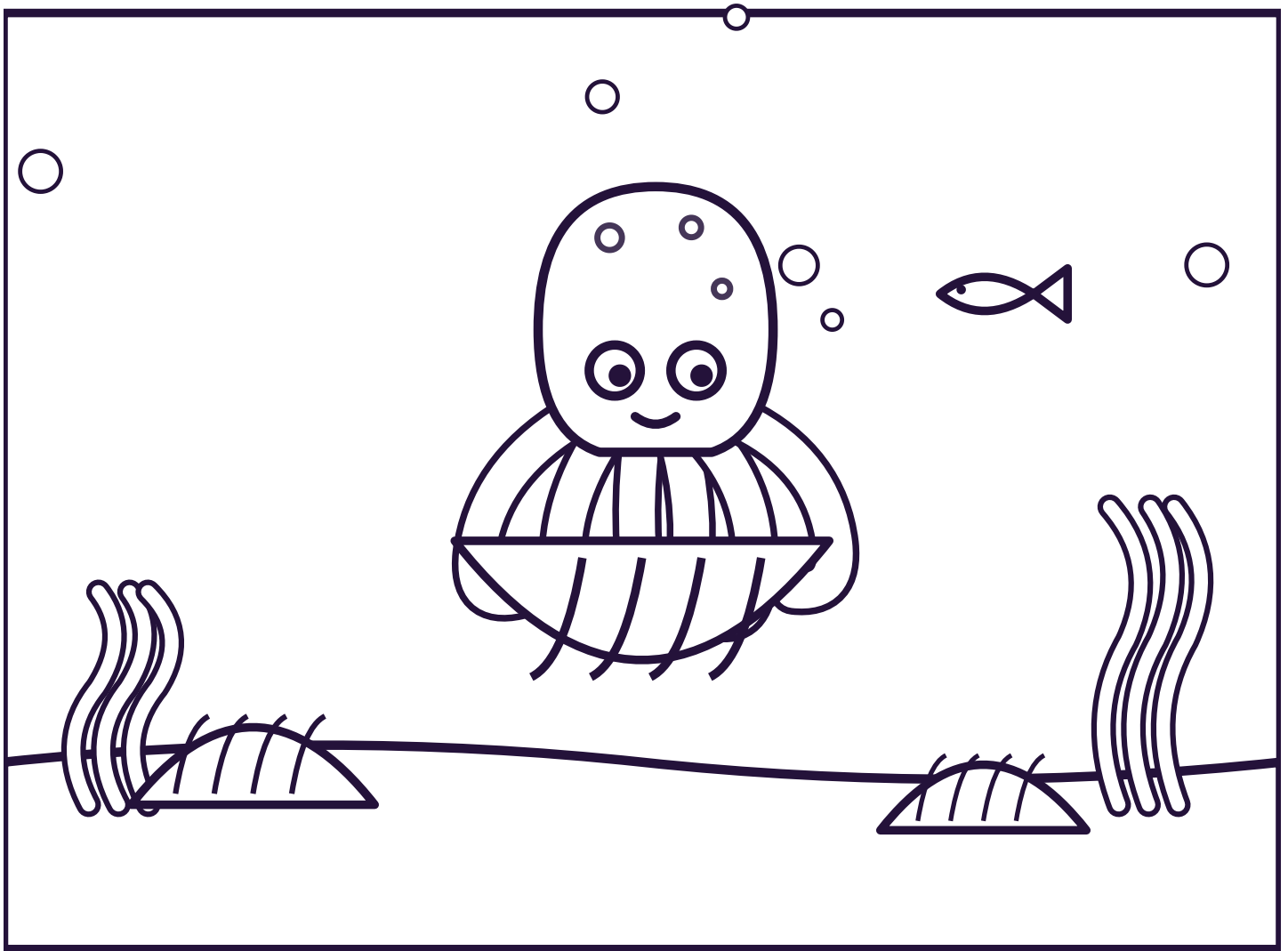
A telltale sign of an octopus den is a pile of empty crab shells on a rocky bottom.

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COLOUR ME

The coconut carrier

Colour the veined octopus and its coconut shells

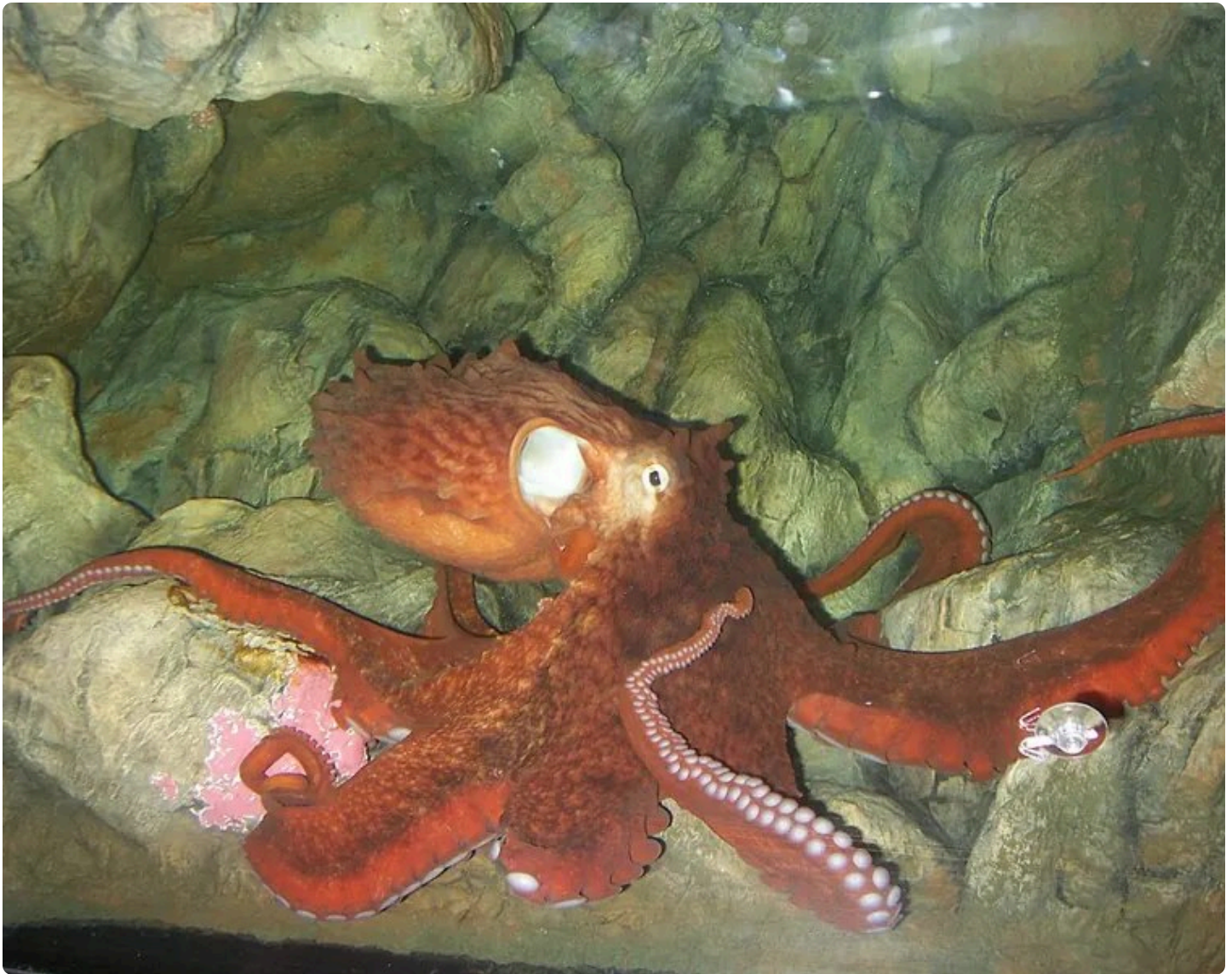


Veined octopuses in Indonesia collect coconut-shell halves, stack them, carry them across the seafloor on stiffened arms and later hide inside: one of the first reports of tool use by an invertebrate.

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OCTOPUS FACTS POSTER

Three hearts, blue blood



A giant Pacific octopus at the National Aquarium, Washington D.C.

Built differently

Octopuses have three hearts. Two branchial hearts push used blood through the gills, and a systemic heart pumps the fresh, oxygen-rich blood around the body.

Their blood really is blue. It carries oxygen with a copper-based molecule called hemocyanin, while our blood uses iron.

The heart that pumps blood round the body stops beating while an octopus swims, which is why octopuses prefer crawling: swimming exhausts them.

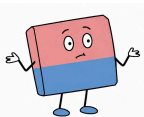
ANSWER KEY · FOR ADULTS

Spot the difference

1. The big fish has gone
2. There is an extra crab
3. The octopus has stopped smiling
4. The coral has an extra branch
5. Two extra bubbles have appeared
6. The shell has gone

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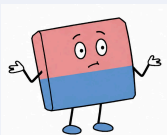
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