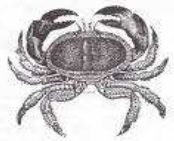
Classification simplifiée des animaux marins :

Animaux marins Invertébrés

- Corps gélatineux + tentacules urticantes → CNIDAIRES (cnide = ortie)

- Corps couvert d'une carapace + pattes articulés → CRUSTACES (crusta = croûte, carapace)

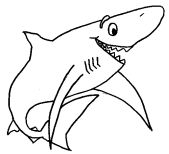


- Corps mou : MOLLUSQUES
  - 1 coquille → GASTEROPODES (gastero = estomac + pode = pied)

  - 2 coquilles → BIVALVES (bi = deux + valve = coquille)

Animaux marins Vertébrés

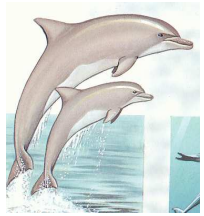
Squelette cartilagineux → CHONDRICHTHYENS (chondros = cartilage + ichthys = poisson)



Squelette osseux

Peau recouverte d'écailles non soudées entre elles → OSTEICHTHYENS (osteon = os + ichthys = poisson)

Peau nue ou couverte de poils + allaitent leur petits → MAMMIFERES (mamma = mamelle + ferre = porter)



Peau recouverte de plumes → OISEAUX (aucellus = oiseau)