

Mollusks

Have you ever eaten an oyster?

How about clams or mussels?

If so, then you have eaten mollusks!

With over 100,000 different species existing on Earth ...

the organisms in the phylum Mollusca can be found from the high elevations ...
to the depths of the ocean.

You've probably seen a snail outside, foraging for food ...

or a slug creeping along on a wet day. There are many different types of snails and slugs ...
and they live on land or in fresh or saltwater.

People even eat some land snails!

This hungry octopus foraging for its next meal is also a mollusk.

So are these glowing squid ...

and these hovering cuttlefish.

This chiton is a type of mollusk living in the intertidal zone, the area where the land meets the sea.

From a slow-moving snail to a squid that can zip away to safety, mollusks are all around us.
