

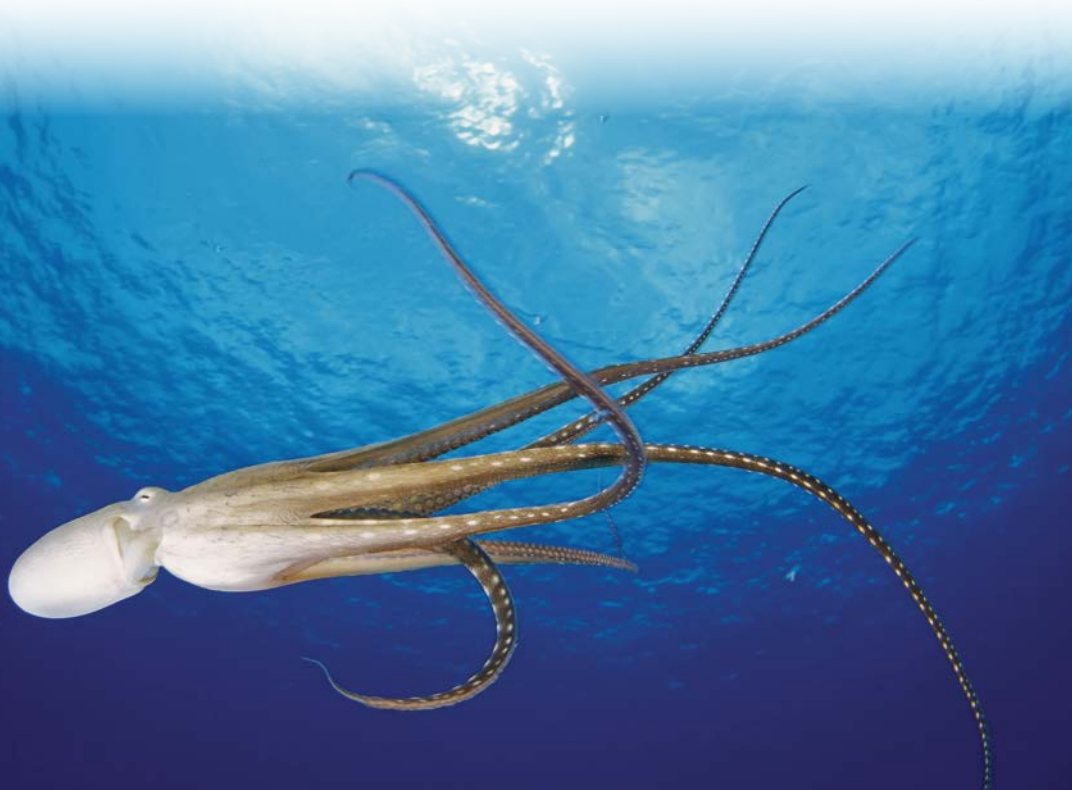
## 4. SUPER SMART!

One of the reasons humans have been so successful is that we use tools. But other animals make and use tools, too.

### Smart in the sea

You might not expect octopuses to be really clever, but they are.

Octopuses don't have a shell. Their soft bodies are easy for other animals to eat – so octopuses have to work hard to stay safe.



An octopus sometimes collects coconut shells dropped in the sea by people. It piles them up, then climbs on top.

The octopus holds its tentacles straight like stilts. Then it walks along with the stack of coconut shells and puts them somewhere safe.

It uses the shells to hide itself from danger.

