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This touch tank has animals  
from the coast of Alaska.  
They live in very cold water.





Sea stars live in this touch tank.






This blood star is red like blood.  
It has five arms, like most sea stars.  
It feels rough when I touch it.  
Blood stars eat sponges and tiny  
ocean animals.





 Anemones live in this touch tank.





This anemone is pale pink.  
It has many soft tentacles.  
The tentacles gently grab my fingers  
when I touch them.  
Anemones eat little shrimp and fish.





Sea urchins live in this touch tank.





This red sea urchin has many long spines.

The sharp spines move when I touch them.

Red sea urchins eat seaweed and other ocean plants.





Sea cucumbers live in this touch tank.





This sea cucumber is the color of a brick.

Its body is covered with little bumps. The bumps look sharp, but they feel soft.

Sea cucumbers eat tiny plants and animals in the ocean.





I never poke, pull, squeeze,  
or move the animals.

I touch all of them gently  
with just two fingers.

I want all the animals to stay safe.



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