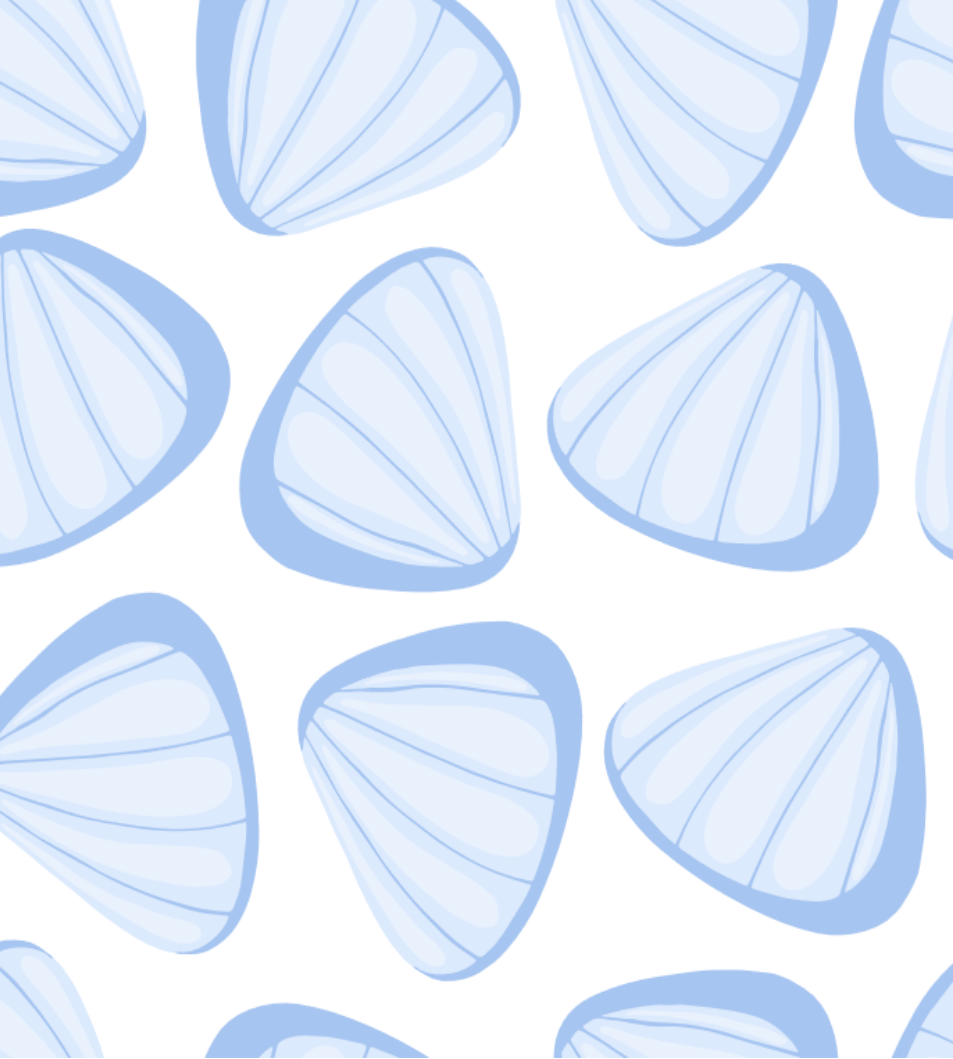


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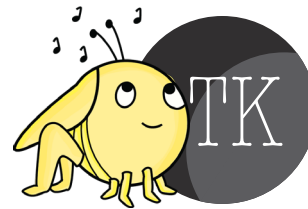
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Have you ever seen a
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What did it look like?

Was it bumpy and round?
Or maybe smooth and
colorful?



Did it have something
living inside of it?

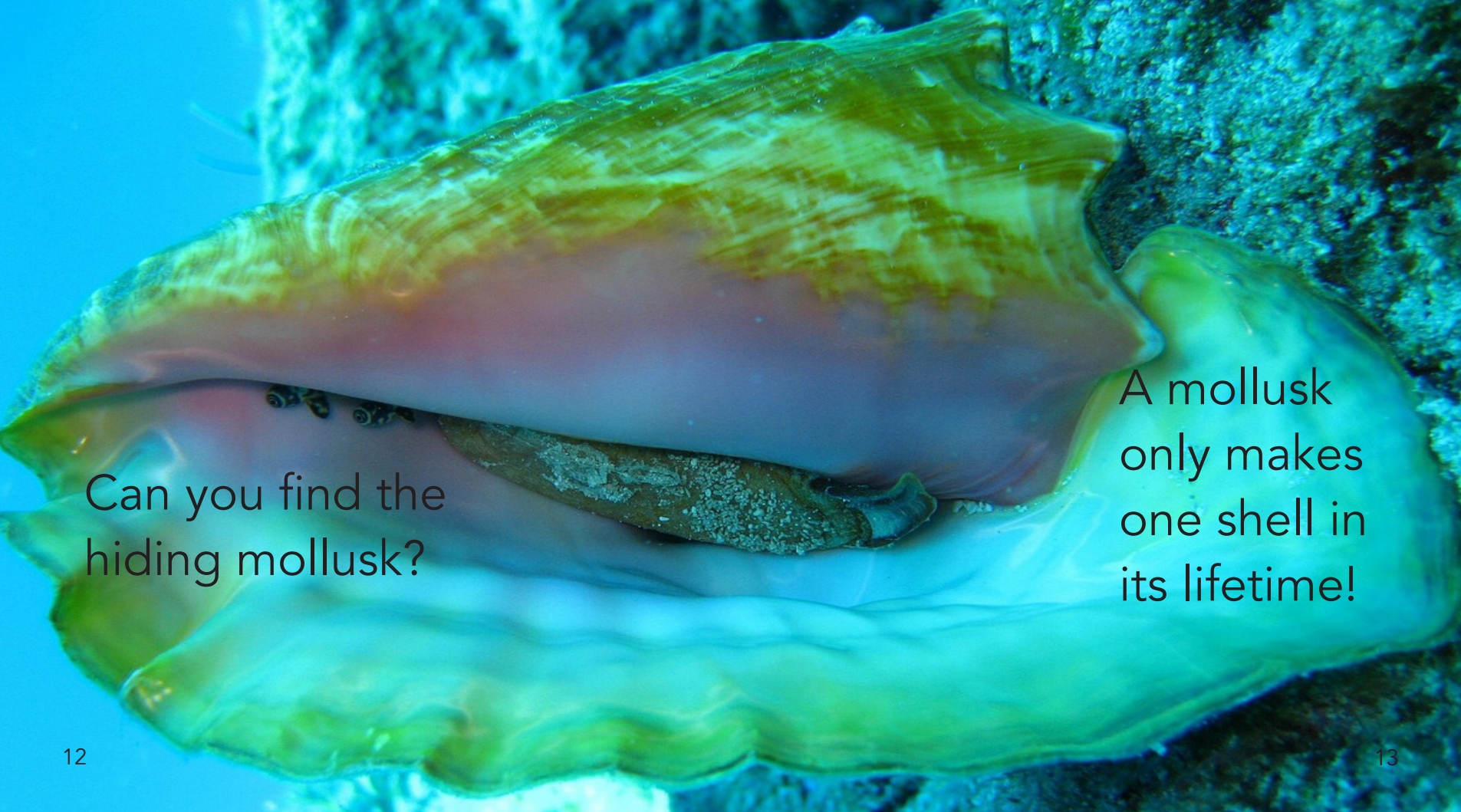


Shells are fascinating and special. Where do they come from?



Mollusks make shells.
They use minerals from
the ocean to make their
shell.






Can you find the
hiding mollusk?

A mollusk
only makes
one shell in
its lifetime!

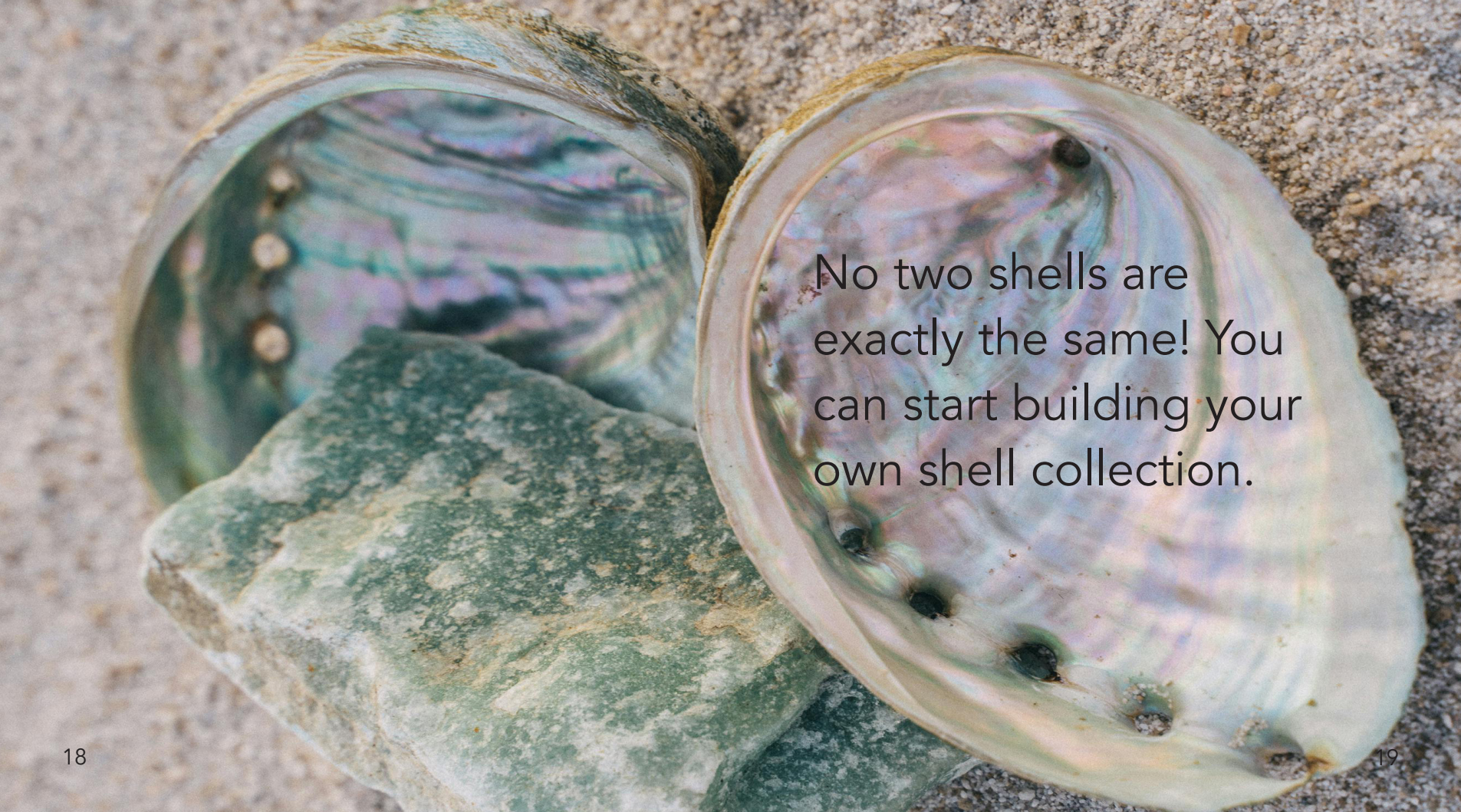


There are many types of shells with lots of different colors.





Shells offer a safe place
for mollusks that need
protection from other
animals that want to
harm them!

The image shows two abalone shells lying on a sandy beach. The shells are positioned on a large, flat, greenish-grey rock. The interior of the shells is highly iridescent, displaying a spectrum of colors including iridescent blue, purple, and green. The shells are slightly open, revealing their smooth, polished inner surfaces. The background is a mix of light-colored sand and small pebbles.

No two shells are exactly the same! You can start building your own shell collection.

Hermit crabs use empty shells for their homes.



Hermit crabs choose shells they can hide inside.

If you find an enclosed shell leave it for the hermit crabs.

Empty flat shells like these are good to collect.



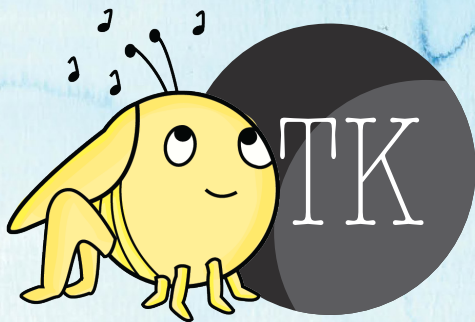
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would you like to live
in?





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