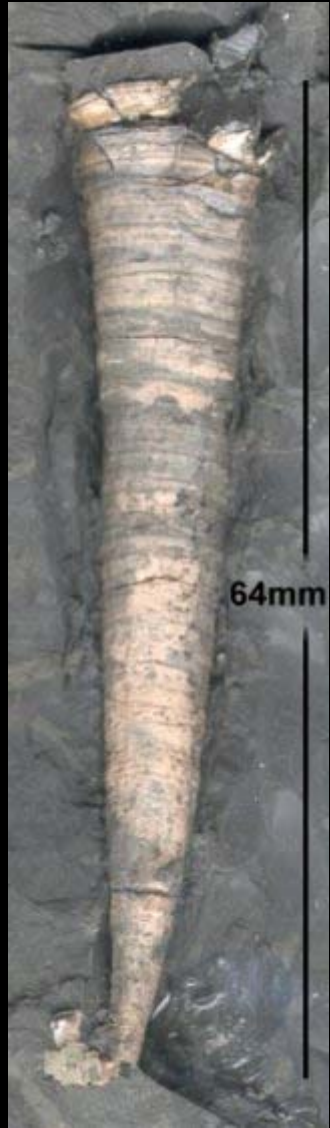


# Ph. Mollusca

(7 classes)



*Chaetoderma*  
*Cl. Aplacophora*



*Cl. Polyplacophora*



*Cl. Gastropoda*



*Cl. Monoplacophora*



*Bivalvia*

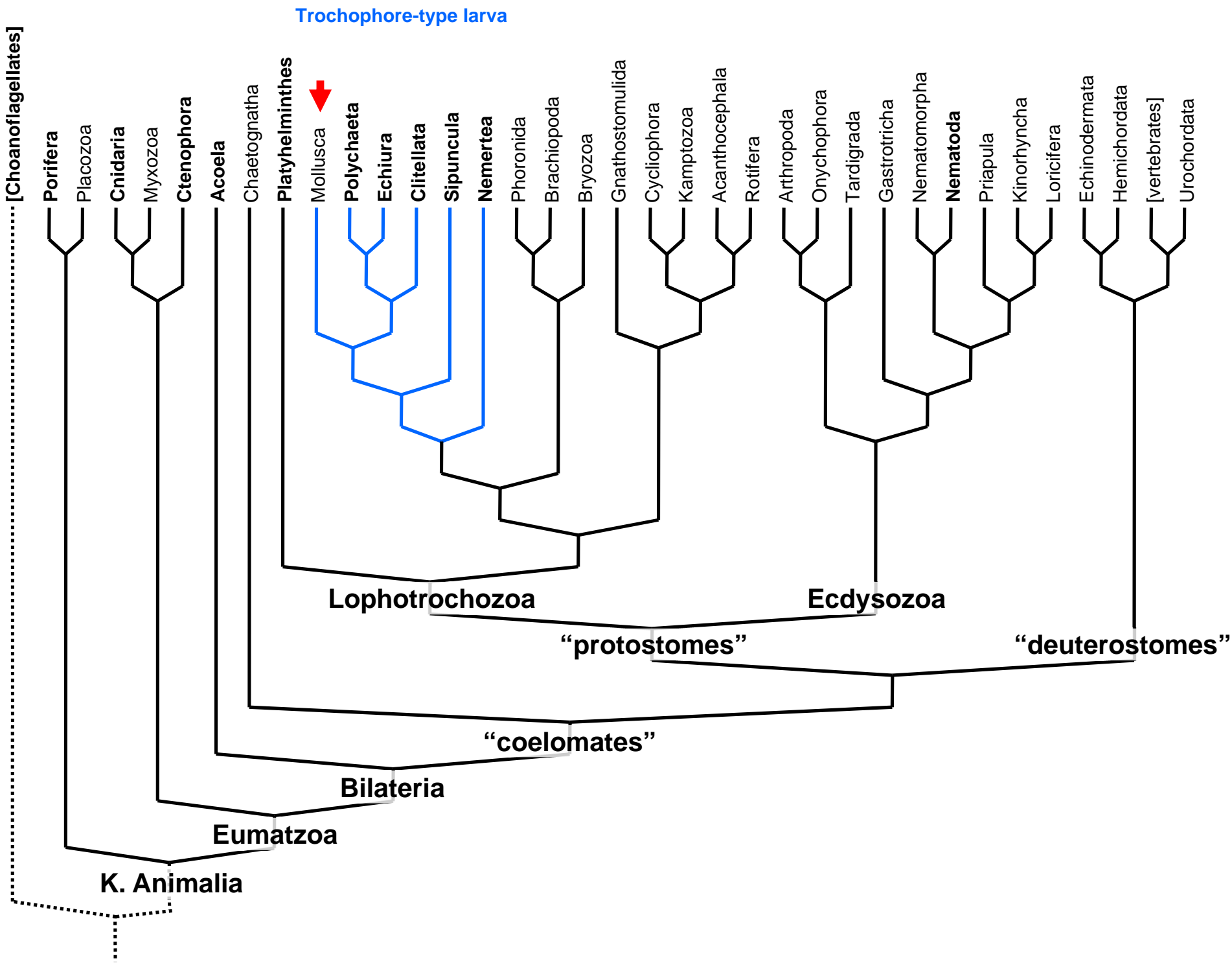
*Cl. Bivalvia*



*Cl. Cephalopoda*

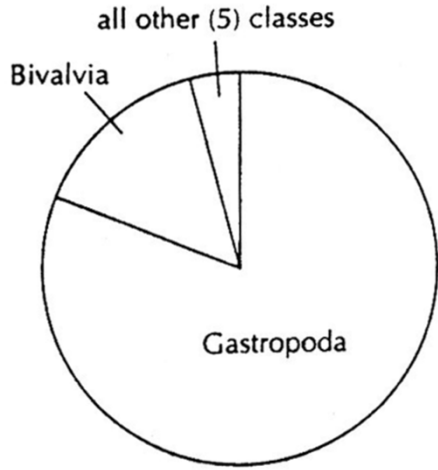
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**Theme:** class level body plans



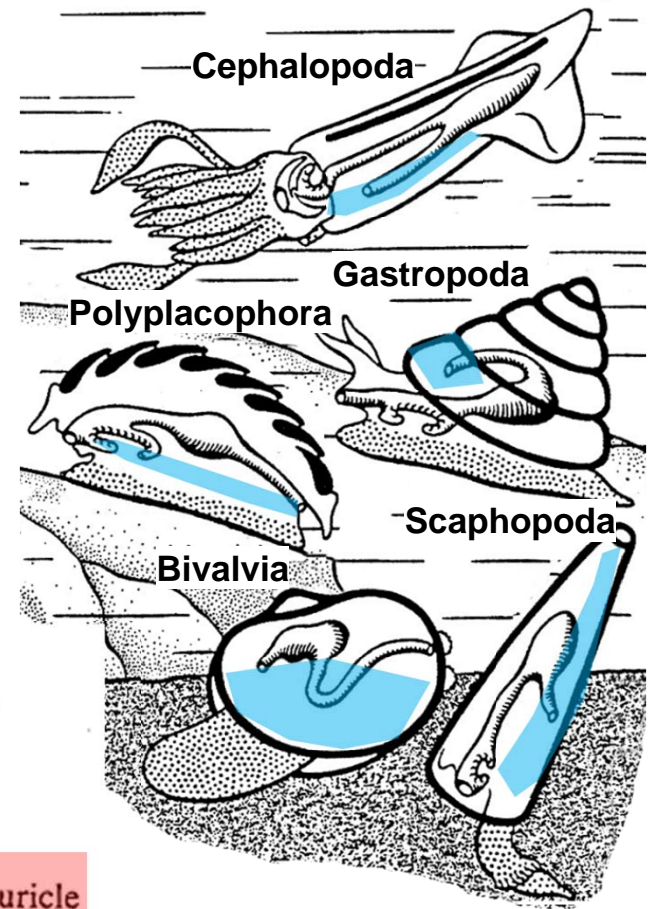


# Ph. Mollusca

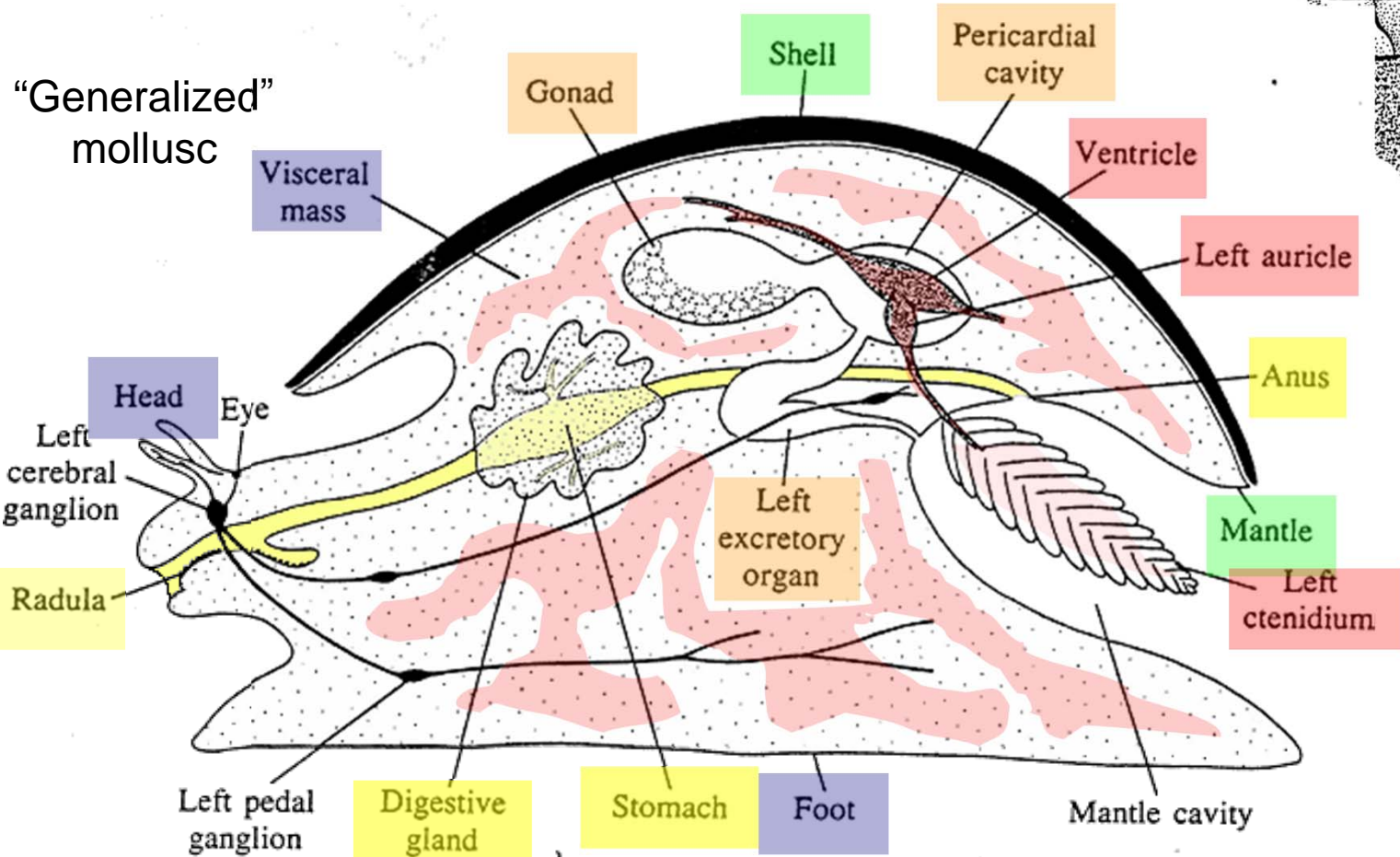


The molluscan body plan has been modified in the various groups. In this diagram, the digestive tract is shaded, the foot is stippled, and the shell is marked by a heavy black line. The squid is most readily compared to the other molluscs when oriented with the head and foot down.

- digestive tract
- foot
- shell
- mantle cavity

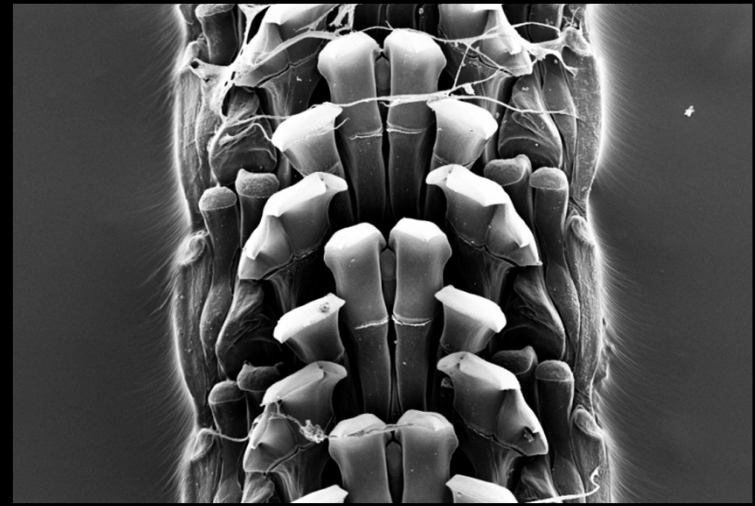
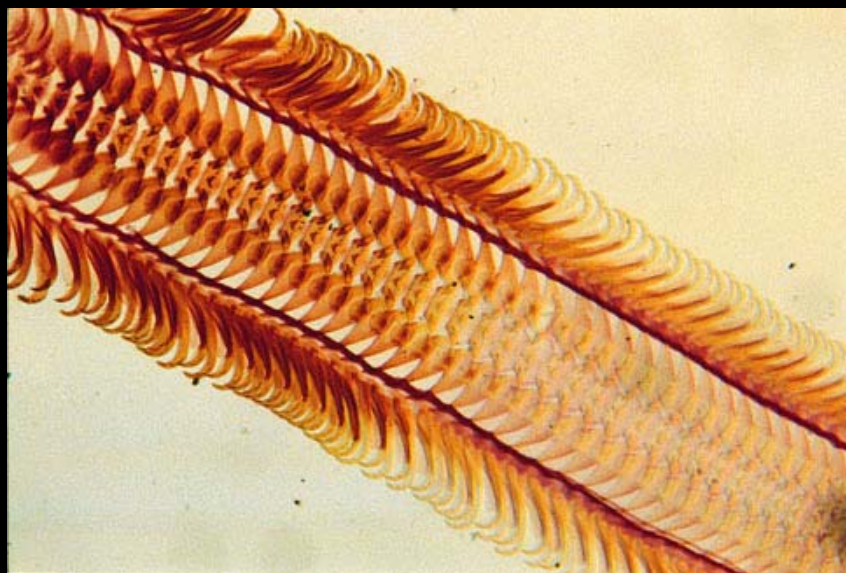
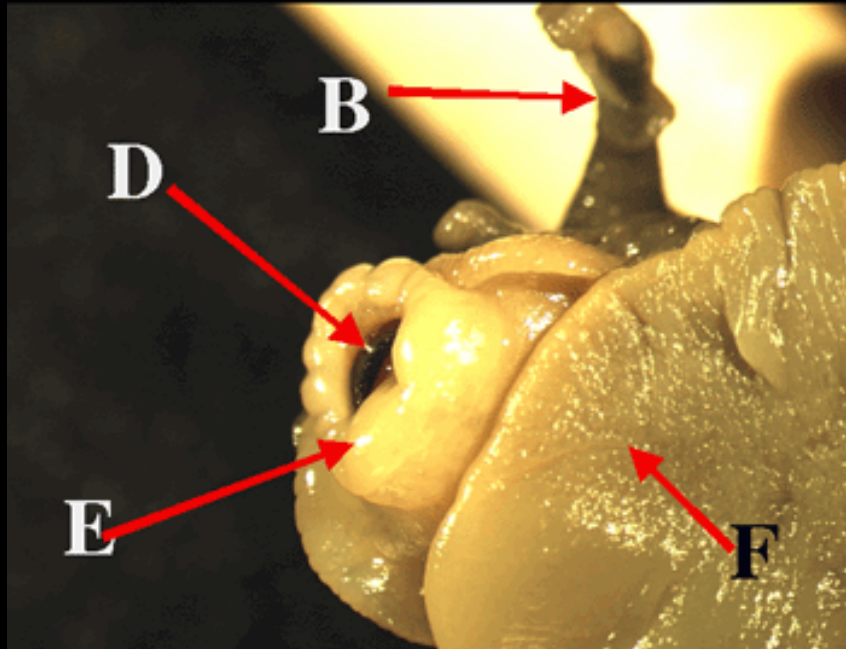


“Generalized” mollusc



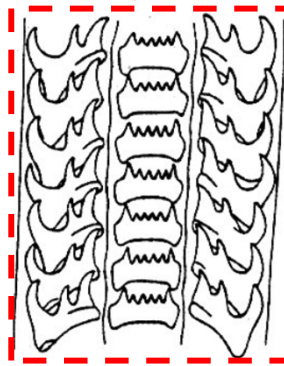


# Radular teeth can vary with diet (within and between species)

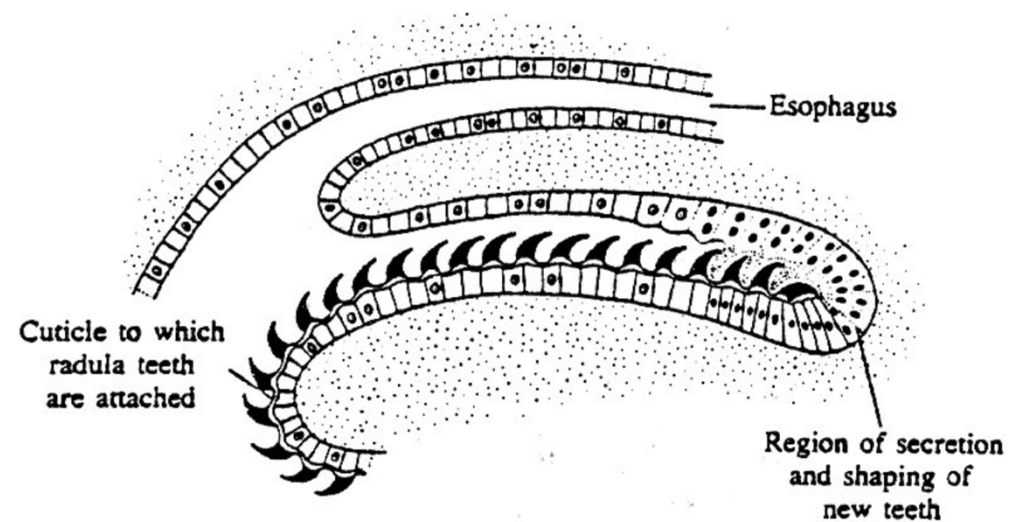
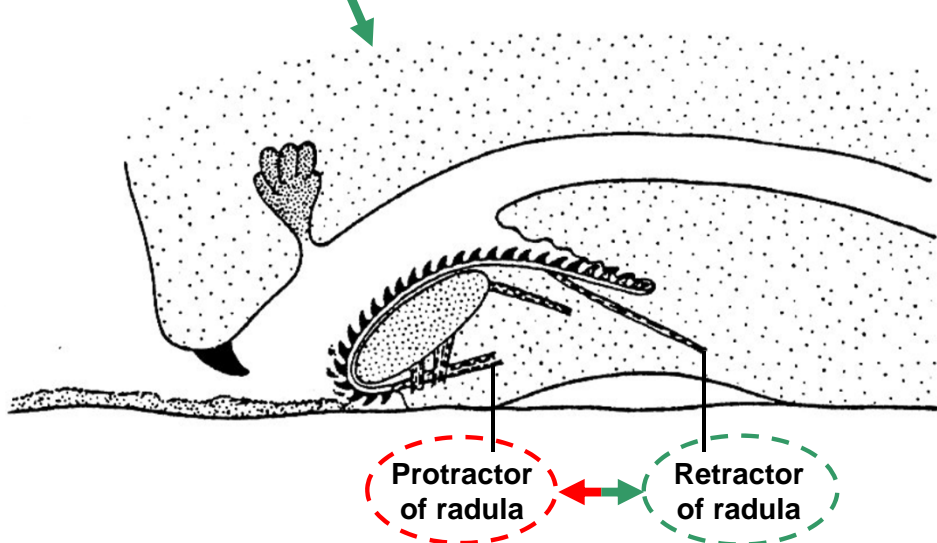
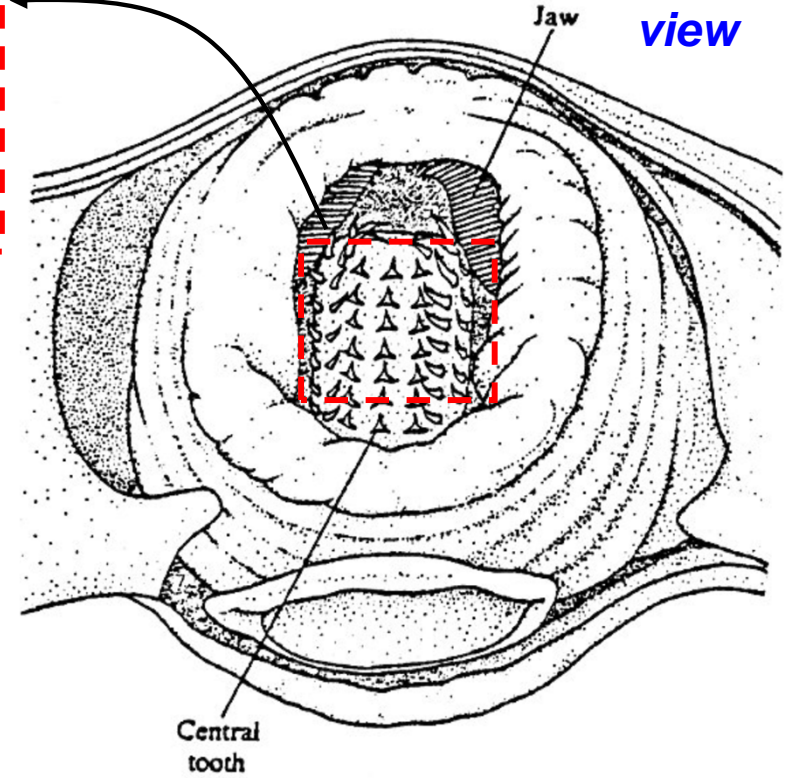
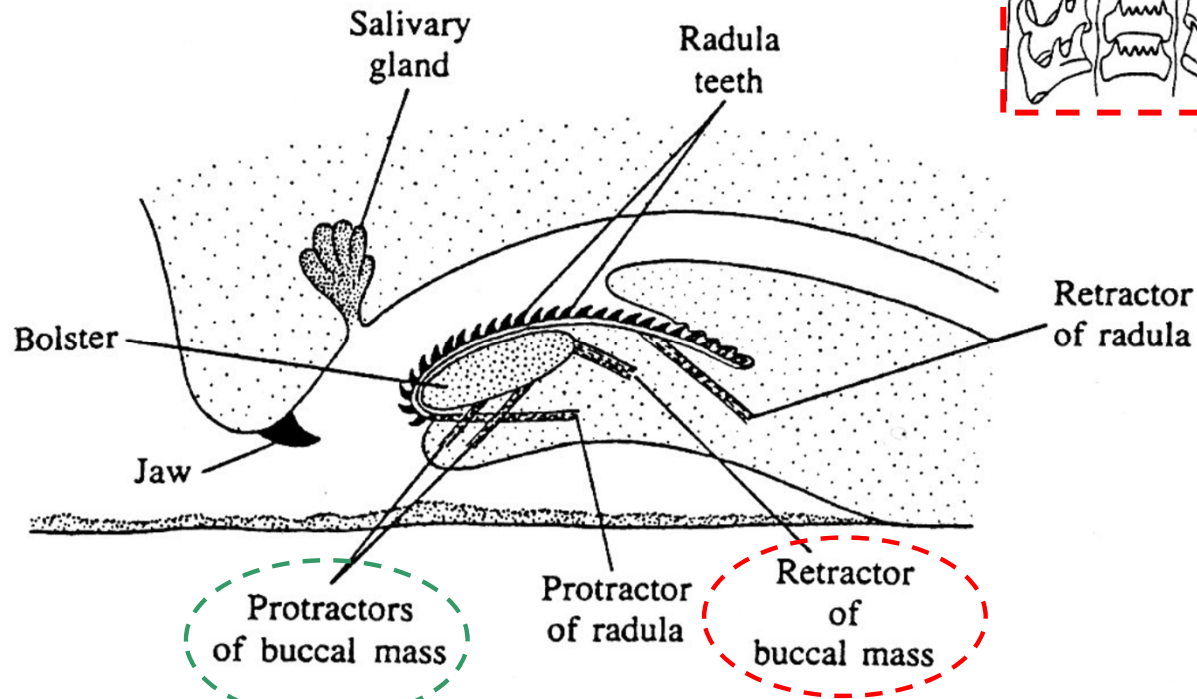




# The molluscan radula



*Front view*







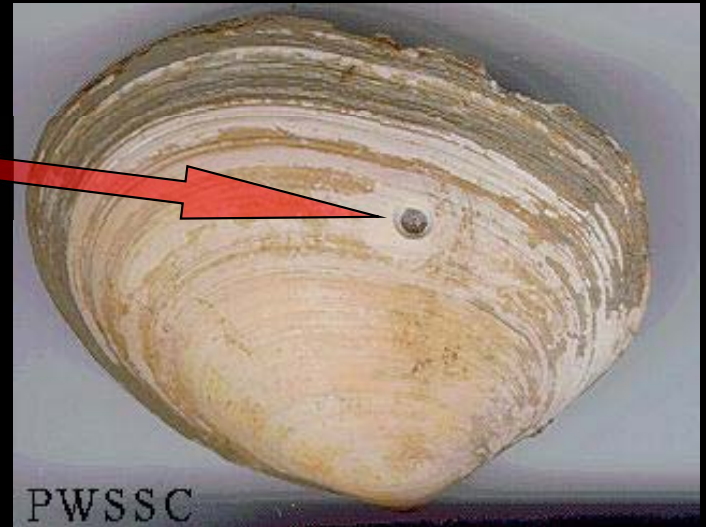
pattern left by a land snail's radula scraping algae from greenhouse glass



## Predatory prosobranchs



moon snail (mesogastropod)

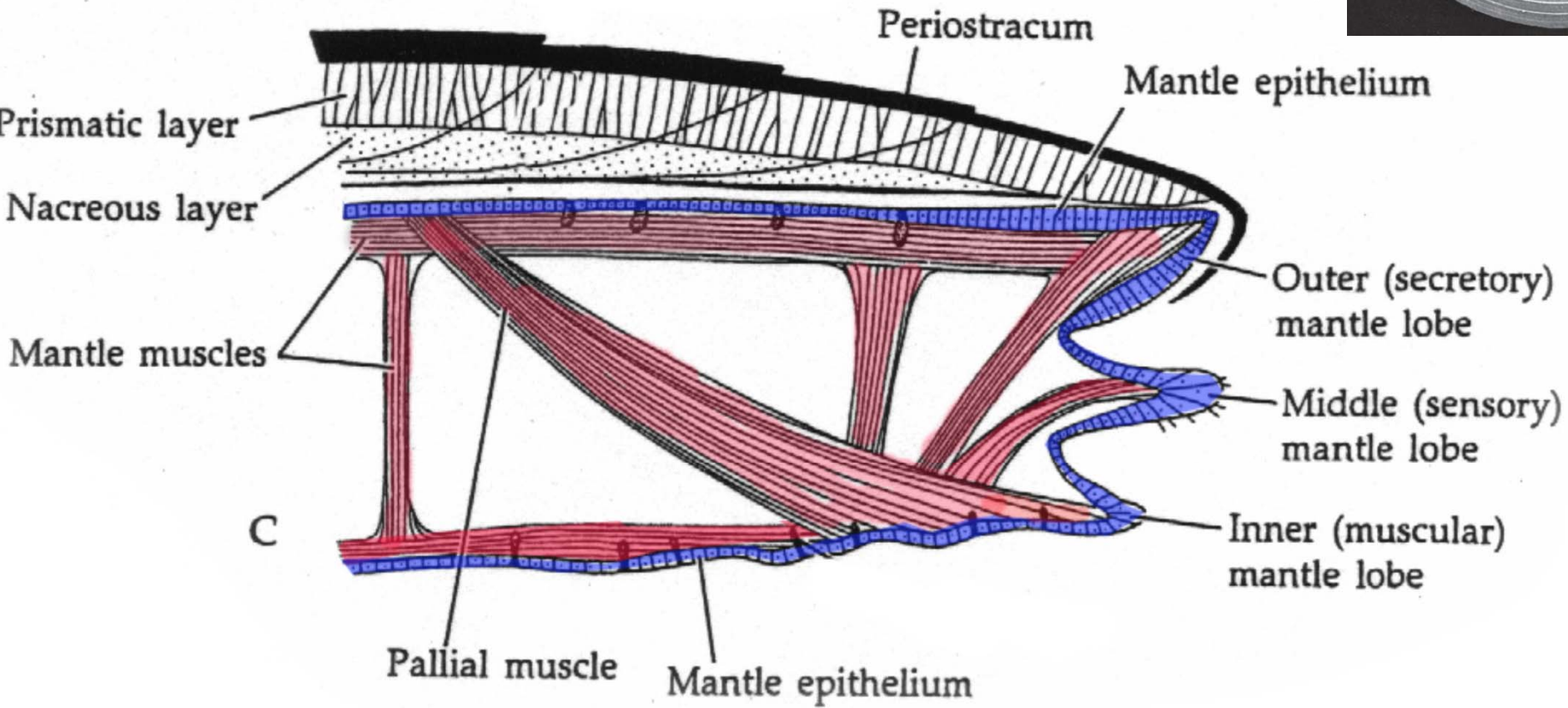
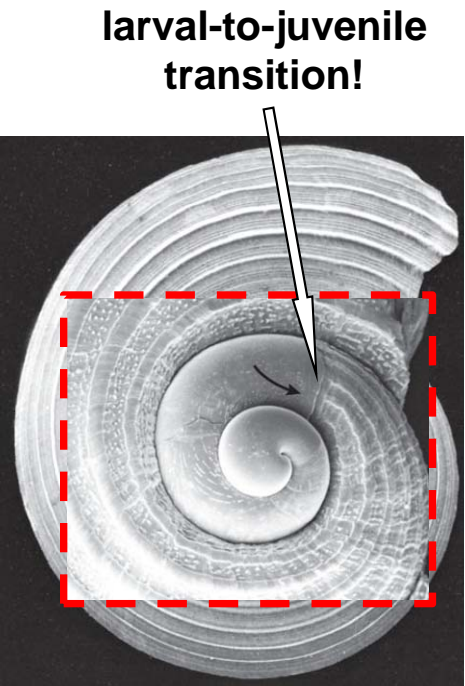
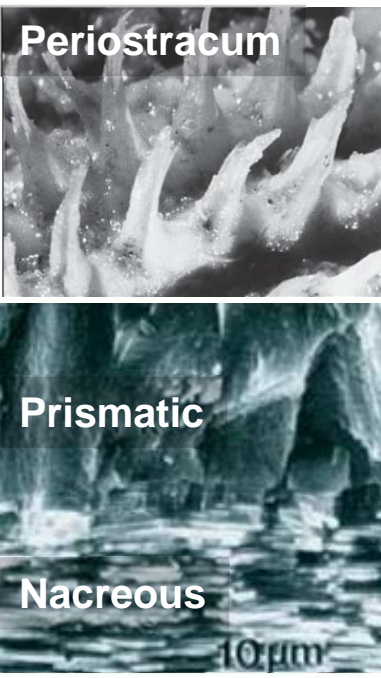
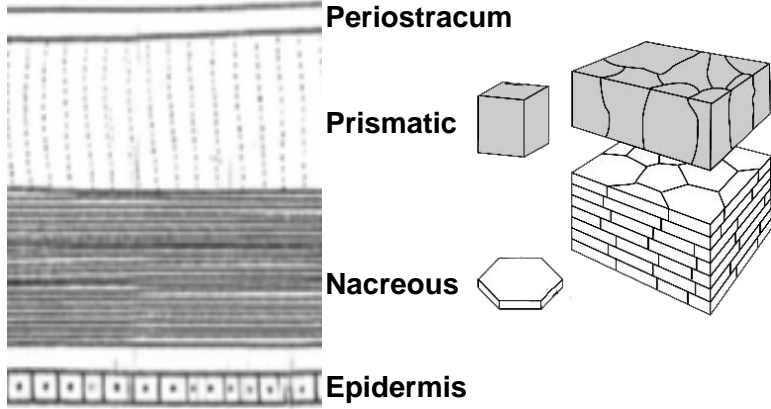


whelk (neogastropod)



# The molluscan shell

CaCO<sub>3</sub> and conchiolin





# Ph. Mollusca

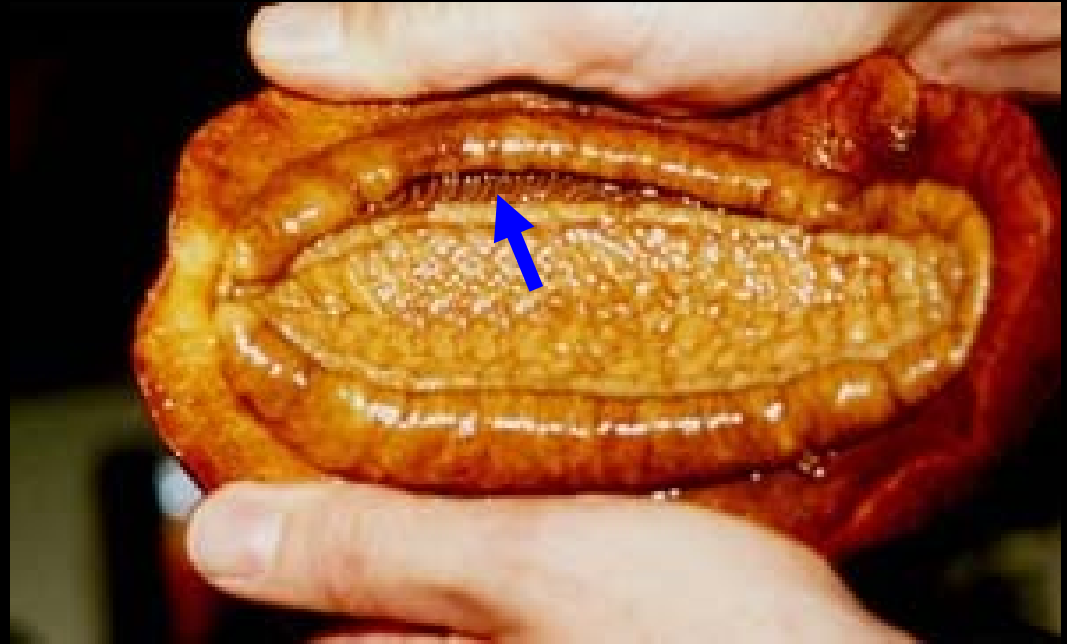
Cl. Polyplacophora



Gumboot chiton

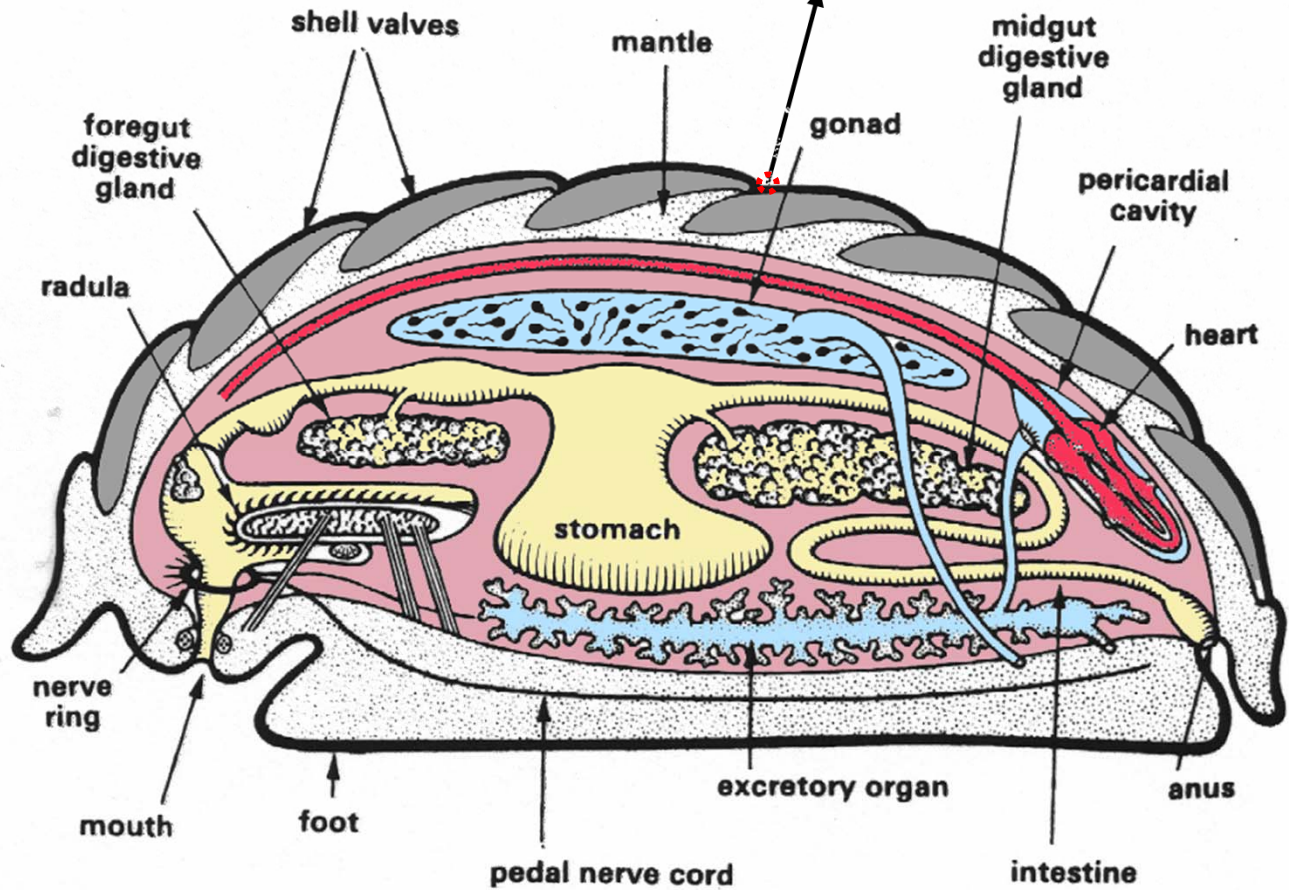
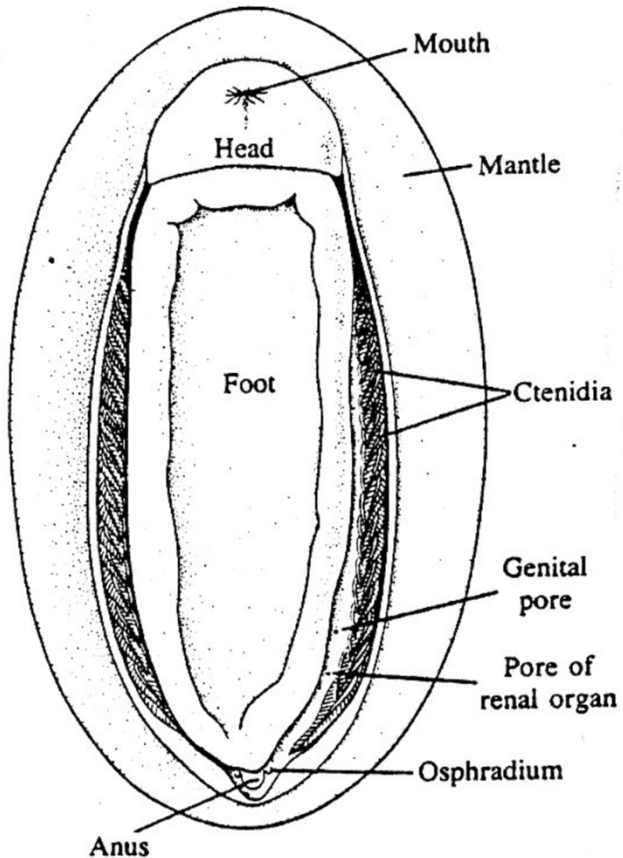
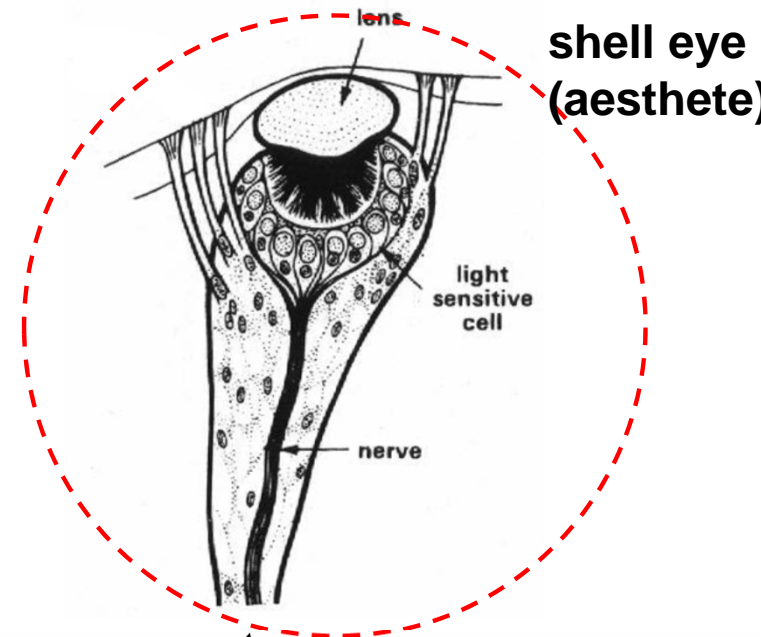
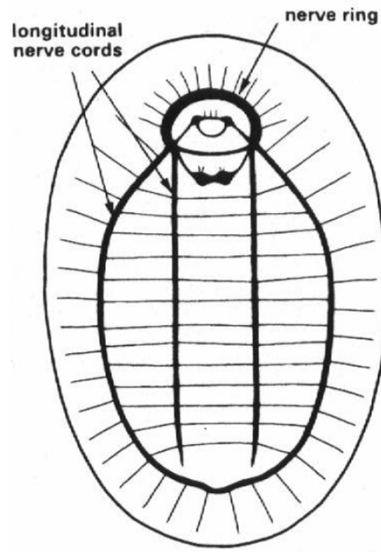
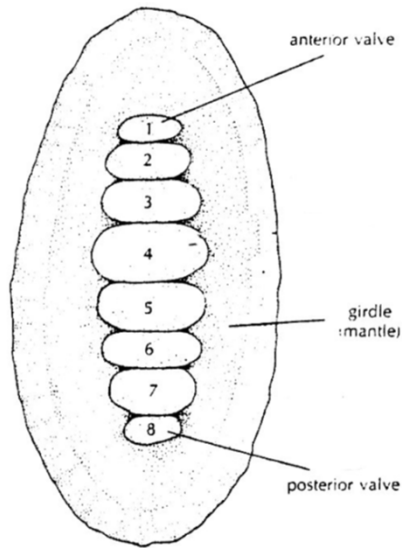
*Cryptochiton stelleri*

*ctenidia in mantle cavity*

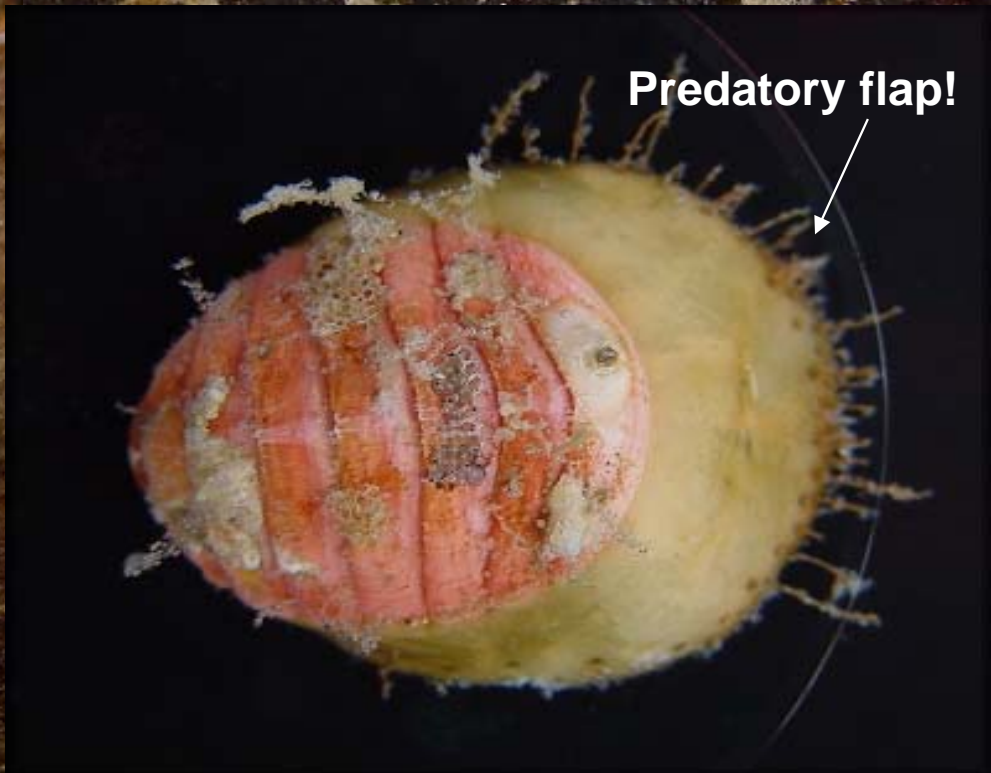


Hairy chiton  
*Mopalia lignosa*

# Cl. Polyplacophora



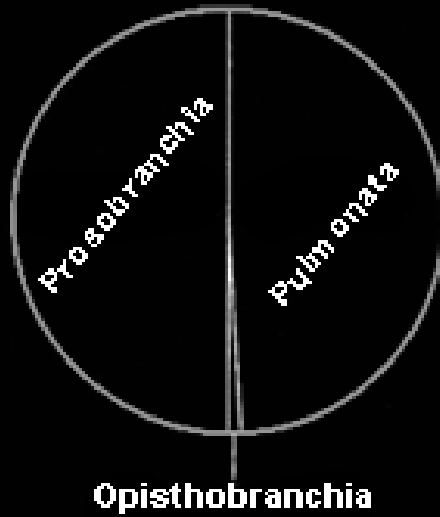




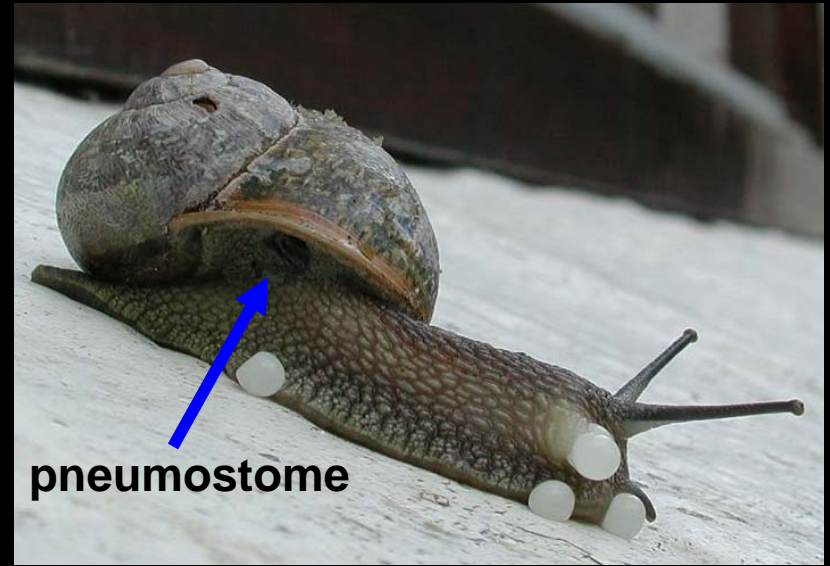


# Ph. Mollusca

## Cl. Gastropoda



**Subcl. Prosobranchia**  
(snails, limpets)



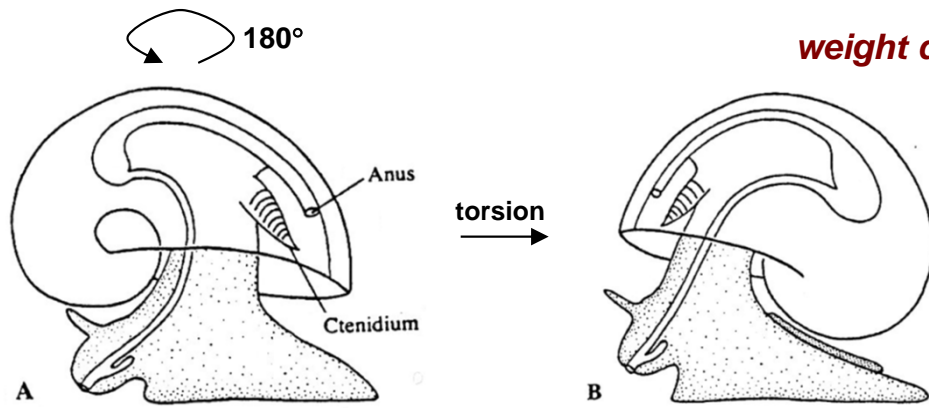
**Subcl. Pulmonata**  
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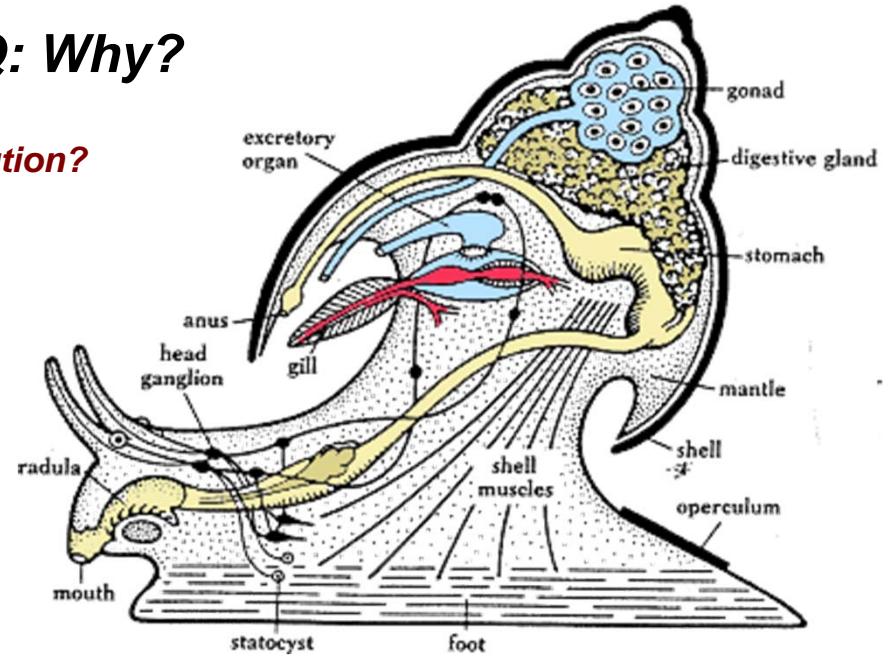
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(nudibranchs, bubble snails)



# Consequences of gastropod torsion Q: Why?

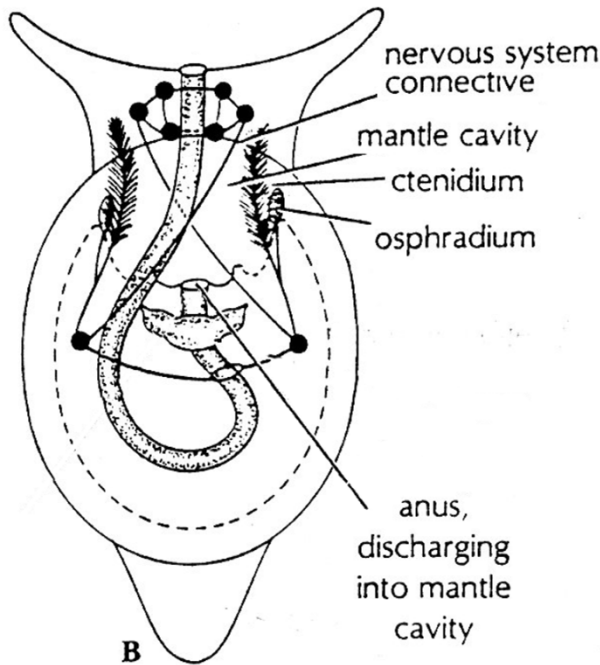
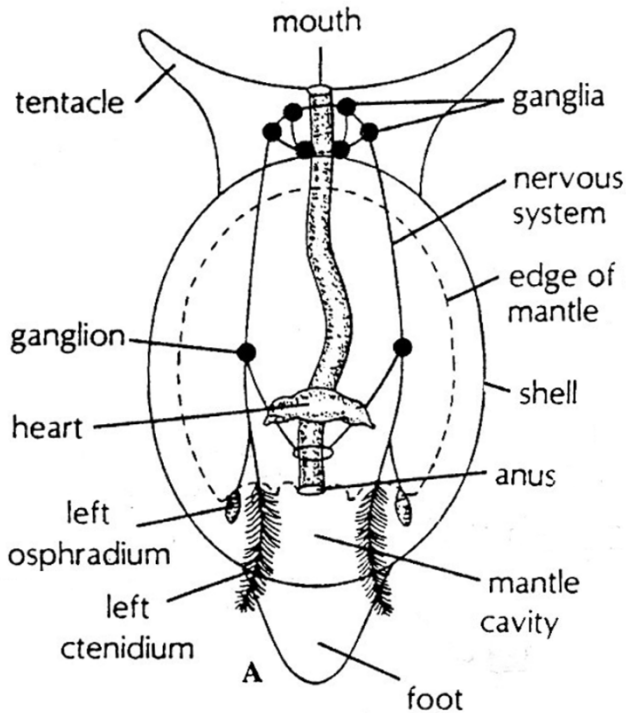


*weight distribution?*

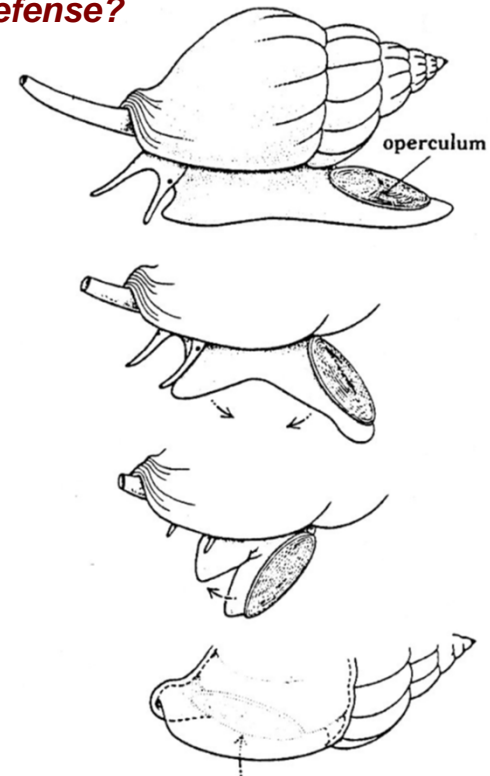


*“Pre-torsion”*

*“Post-torsion”*



*defense?*



# Consequences of gastropod torsion water currents, gas exchange, and defecation

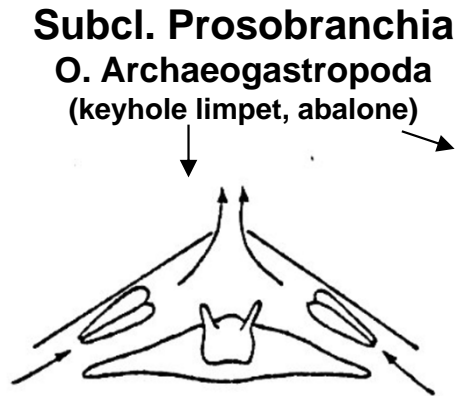
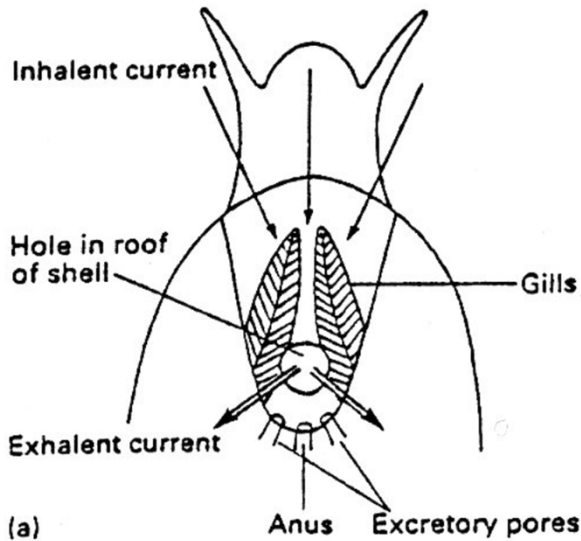
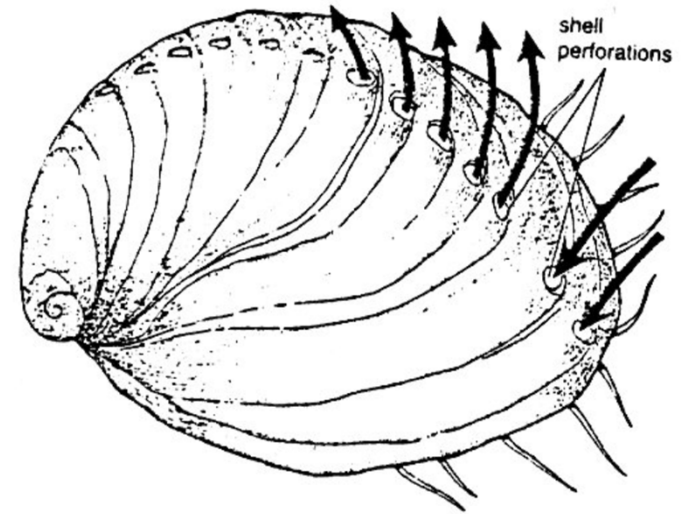
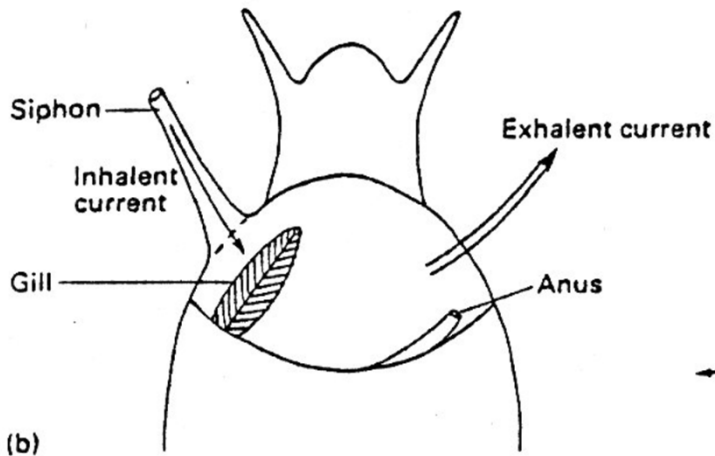
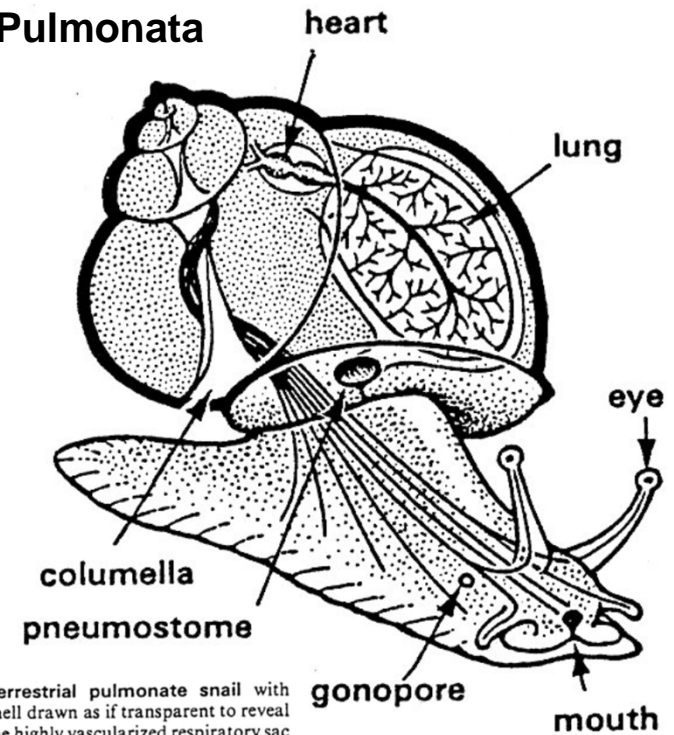


Fig. 5.14 Two modifications of the path of the respiratory water current in gastropods, necessitated by torsion: (a) the exhalent current leaving via a dorsal hole in the shell; (b) loss of the right ctenidium and production of a cross-directed current, the anus being displaced in the direction of the current.

## Other prosobranch orders



## Subcl. Pulmonata

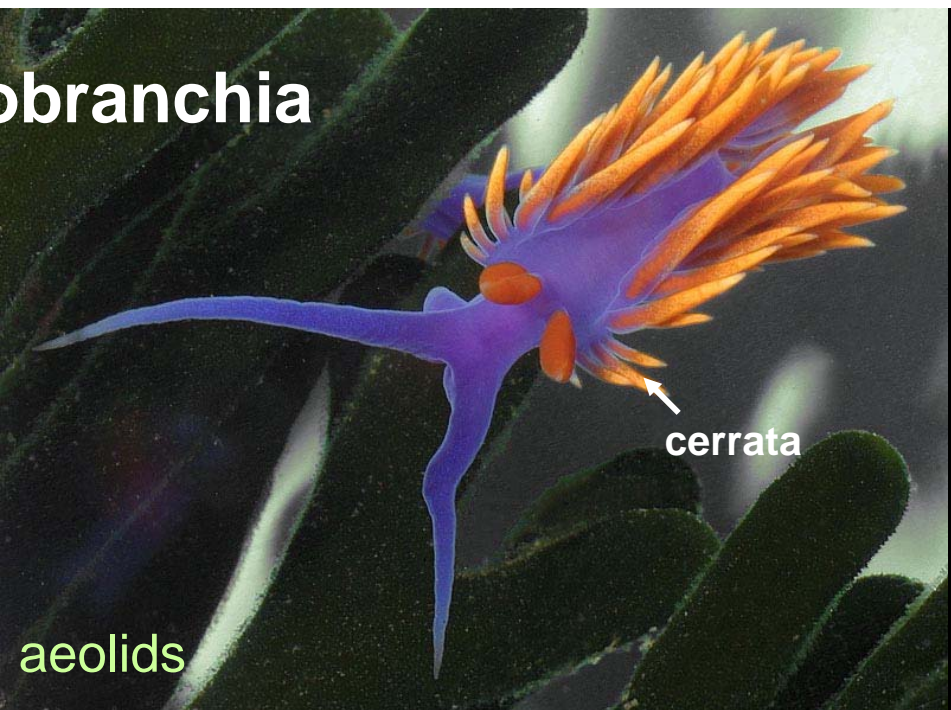
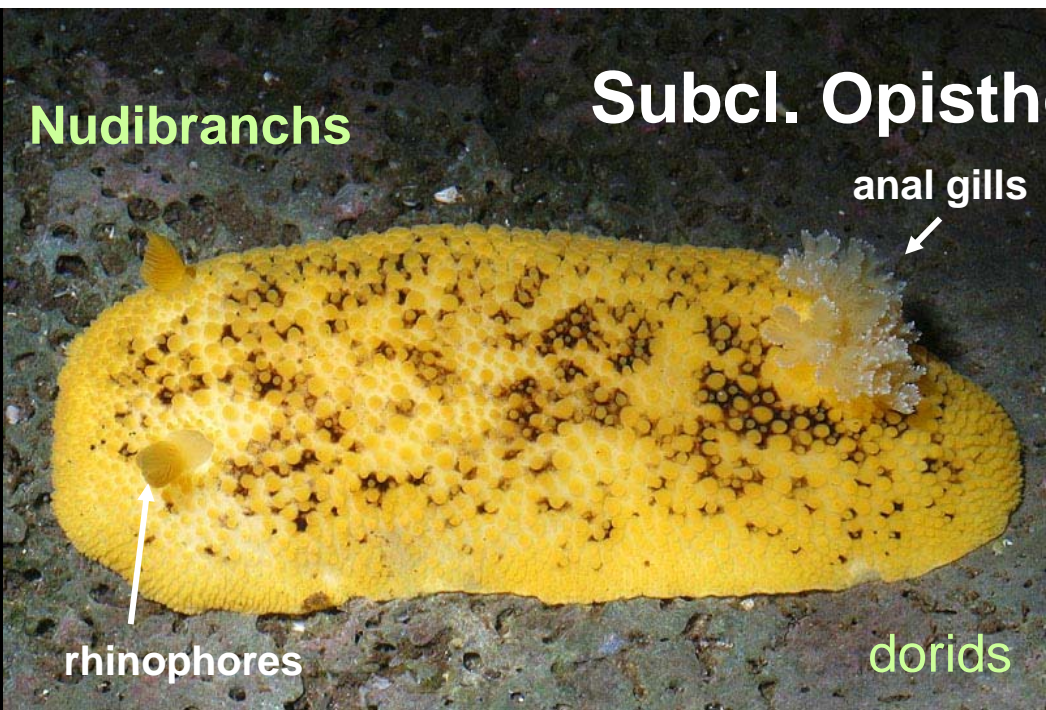


Terrestrial pulmonate snail with shell drawn as if transparent to reveal the highly vascularized respiratory sac and its connection with the pneumostome through which air enters and leaves.

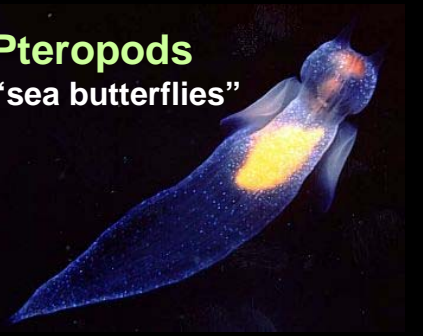


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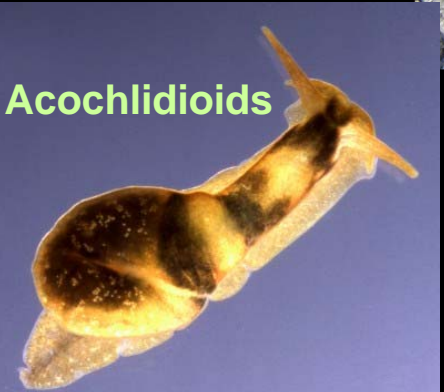
Nudibranchs



Pteropods  
"sea butterflies"



Acochlidoids





# Aposematic coloration in nudibranchs

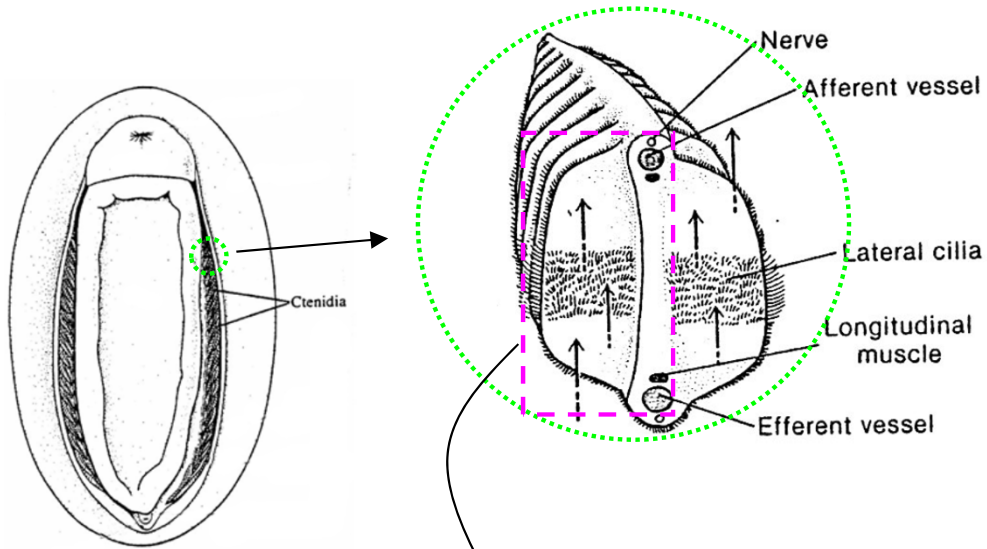
Nudibranch families *Chromodorididae* and *Phyllidiidae*



Flatworm family *Pseudocerotidae*

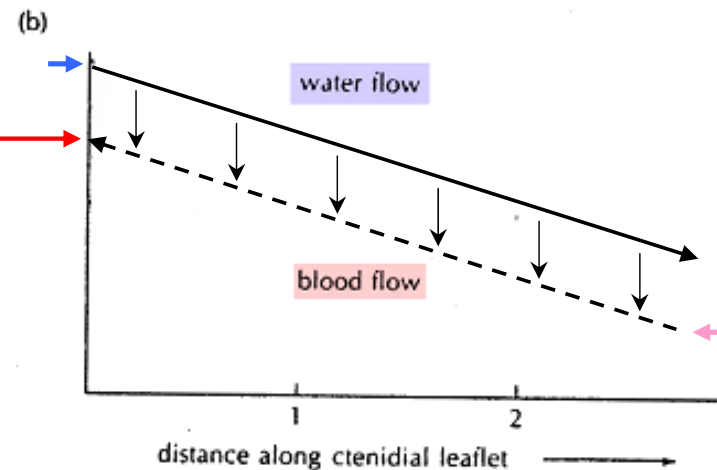
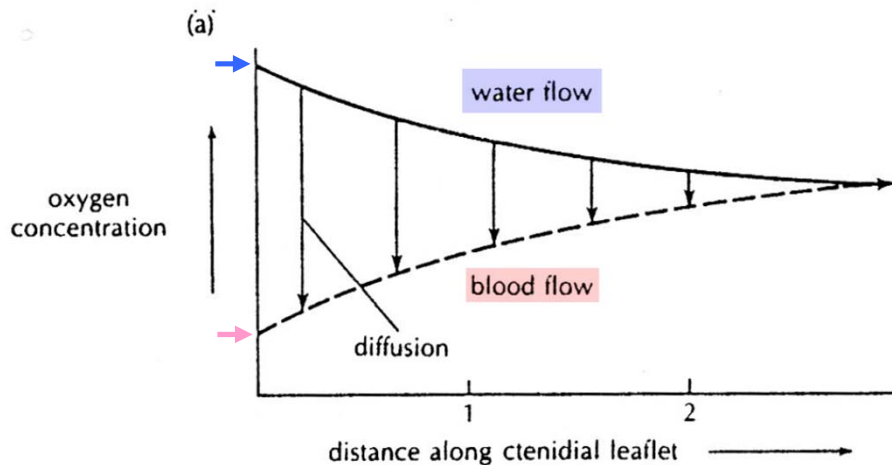
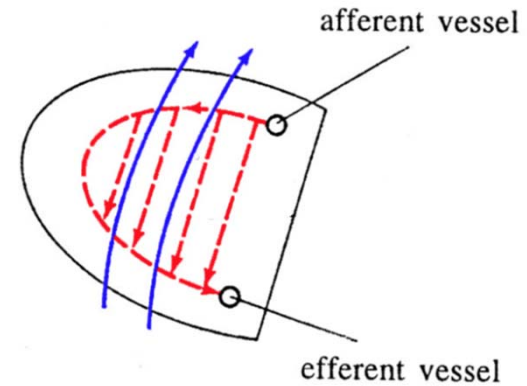
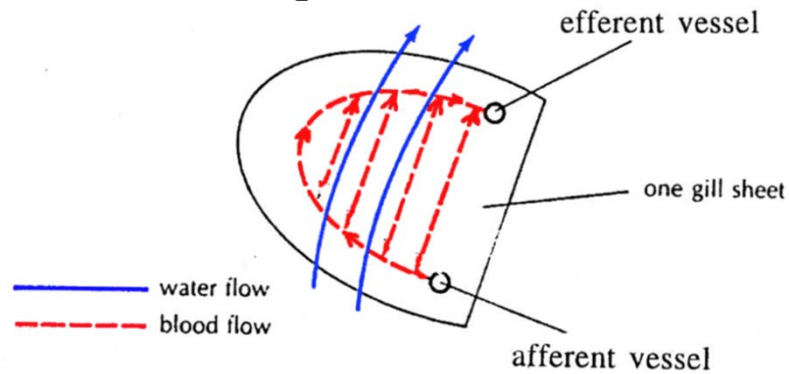
## Mimicry in flatworms



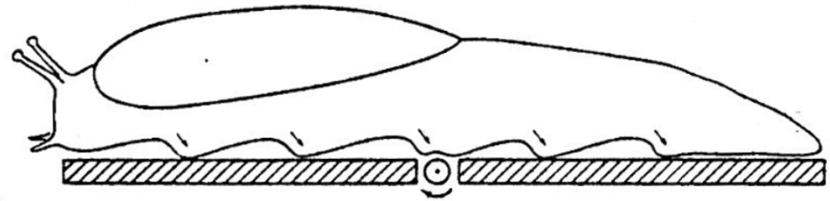


## Counter-current gas exchange (in molluscan ctenidia) (alternative diagrams p. 209)

Figure 14.15. Changes in  $O_2$  concentration for cases of (a) water and blood running in the same direction and (b) countercurrent exchange. Note the relative positions of the afferent vessel, which carries  $O_2$ -depleted water from the body tissues to the gill, and the efferent vessel, which carries  $O_2$ -enriched blood to the heart and then to the body tissues.

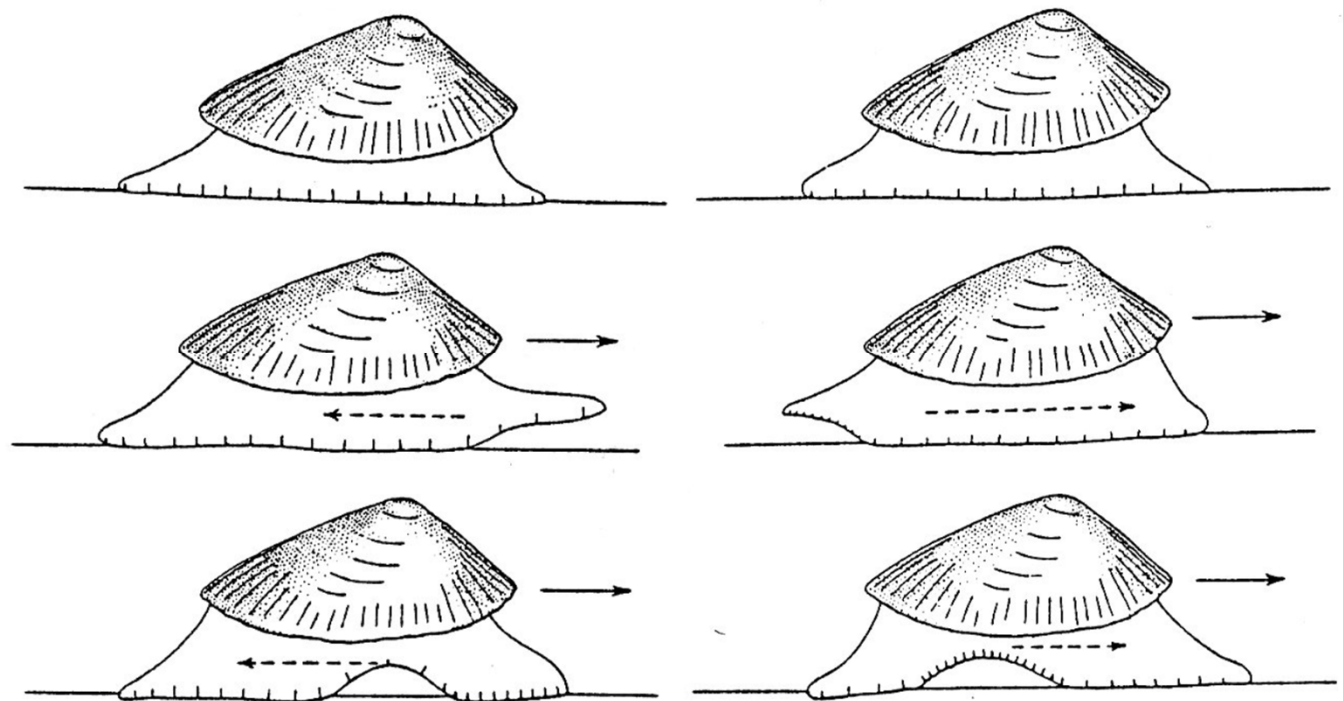


# Gastropod creeping locomotion



**FIGURE 13.18** Diagram showing the waves of muscular activity in the foot of a slug. The roller is turned by the waves as they impinge on it.

Two forms of “creeping” locomotion used by gastropods and chitons. (1) How can waves that move in opposite directions both create forward movement? (2) Which types of muscles must be used, and in what sequence, to achieve each type of wave?



“retrograde” wave

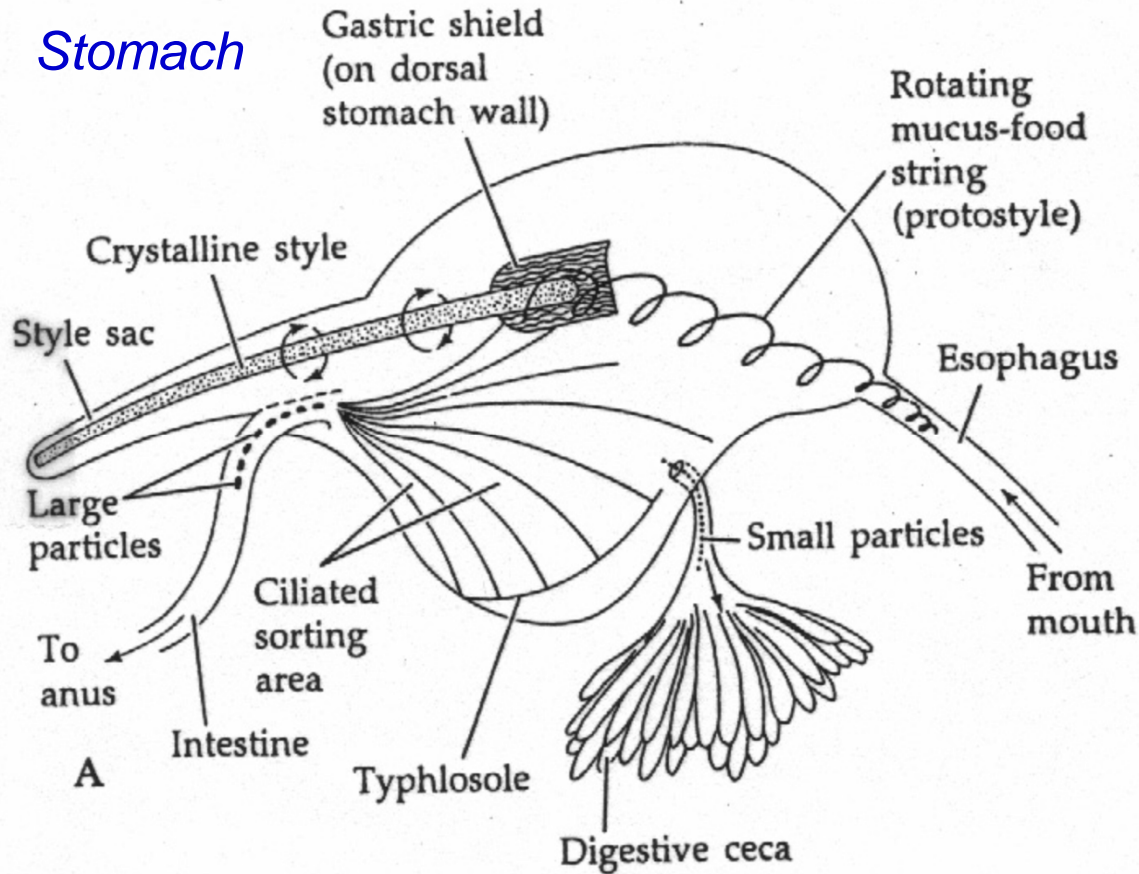
“direct” wave



# Gastropod feeding diversity

- Benthic grazing (algal crusts or epiphytes)
- Predation (drilling, browsing)
- Planktonic grazing and predation
- Suspension feeding (with mucus or ctenidia)
- Kleptoparasitism
- Toxic harpooning

## Stomach



## Digestive system

