

STUDENT WORKSHEET: Sea Spider Legs and Diffusion

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Sea Spider Leg diameter	Sea Spider Leg perimeter	Surface Area of Sea Spider Leg*	Volume in the Sea Spider Leg segment*	Volume in Sea Spider Leg reached by vinegar*	Surface area- to- volume ratio	% of leg tissue reached by vinegar
cm	cm	cm ²	cm ³	cm ³		%
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*Calculate using a sea spider leg segment that is 10 cm in length.

Calculate the surface area of a cylinder using the equation $A=2\pi rh+2\pi r^2$

Calculate the volume of a cylinder using the equation $V=\pi r^2h$

$r = \text{radius} = 0.5 * \text{diameter}$

$h = \text{height}$

Surface area-to-volume ratio = A/V

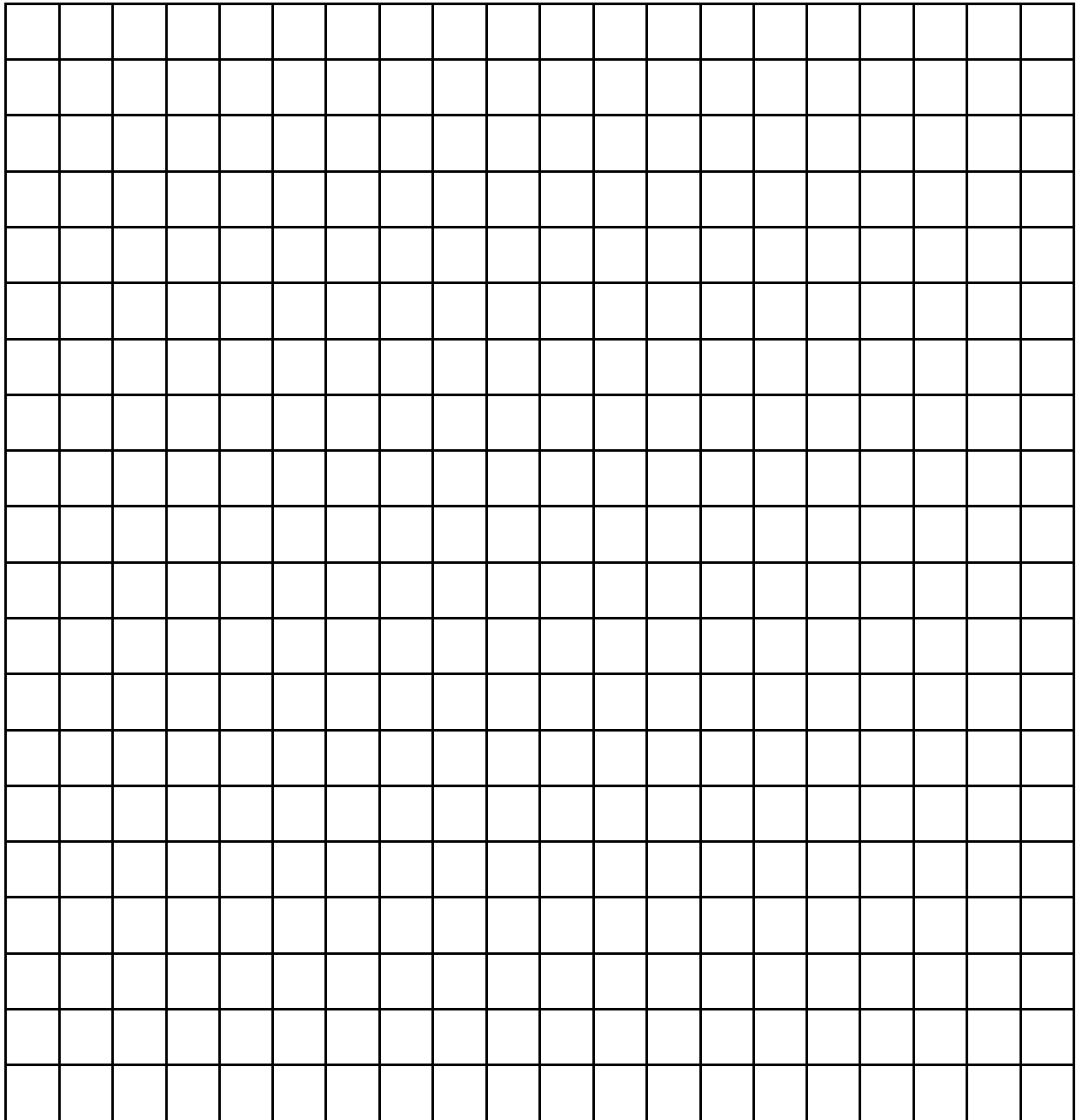
In the last column, calculate the percentage of the volume of a sea spider leg reached by diffusing vinegar using this formula: **$((\text{volume of leg reached by vinegar}) \div (\text{total volume in the sea spider leg segment})) * 100$** .

Reflection Questions:

- 1) In your own words, compare the diffusion of vinegar between the sea spider legs of different diameters. Is vinegar moving into one more quickly than the other(s)?

- 2) Which diameter (small or large) of sea spider leg had most of its internal area touched by vinegar?

3) Use your data to graph the relationship between the surface area-to-volume ratios and the percentage of the spider leg into which vinegar diffused over five minutes.



4) If sea spiders only get their oxygen through diffusion across their “skin,” how do you think this might affect the size to which they’re able to grow?