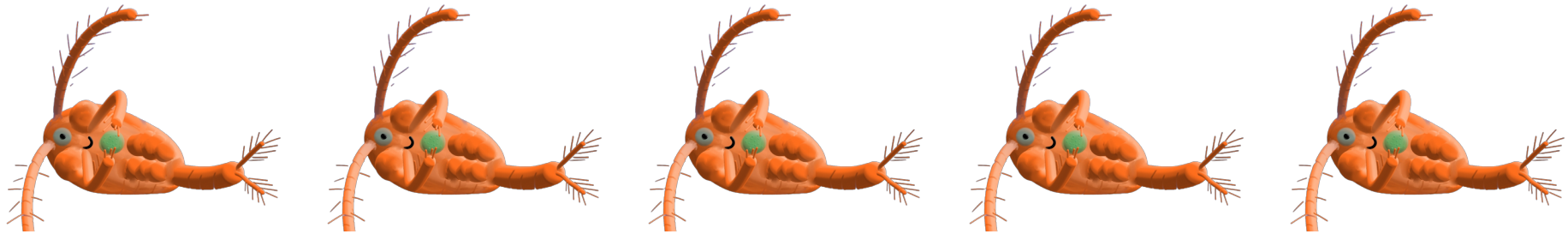


We like to eat microscopic algae that we find in the sea. They are like vegetables, much smaller than us. In fact, you need a microscope to see them. However, we can detect them and eat a lot of them! I especially like some algae called diatoms because they are crunchy on the outside and tender and delicious on the inside. It is like eating stuffed candies!



To learn more: Copepods feed on microscopic algae, such as diatoms, and other unicellular protists, such as ciliates and heterotrophic dinoflagellates. Despite having a rudimentary eyespot, they do not see well. They detect prey using chemical and pressure receptors on their antennae. They have special structures near their mouths called maxillae and maxillipeds that help them capture prey, either by creating feeding currents and redirecting them to their mouths or by actively capturing them one by one.