**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to use the first three or four letters of a word to check its meaning and spelling in a dictionary.

**Challenge 1**

**Match the words with the correct definitions using a dictionary to support you.**

invertebrate (v) to make a small hole in something

neuron (n) an animal with no spine

crustacean (n) someone who can twist their body into difficult positions

contortionist (n) an animal that lives in water and has a hard outer shell

puncture (n) a specialised nerve cell that carries information

**Challenge 2**

**Put the following animals in alphabetical order. You may need to look at the second, third and fourth letter of each word.**

creative

investigate

crustacean

graveyard

inventive

invertebrate

clam

**Challenge 3**

**Create your own glossary using the words highlighted in the sentences below. Remember that a glossary is like a mini-dictionary for technical words found at the back of information books.**

The giant Pacific octopus is an **introverted** creature that prefers to stay hidden from sight in its ocean den. However, when hungry, it becomes a ruthless **assassin**. Using long slender arms that are covered in **suckers**, it clamps down on a victim. **By paralyzing** or killing its prey with poison, the octopus has a much easier time turning a **foe** into a meal. Once the octopus has his opponent **ensnared** in his arms, he pulls him in to attack with his No. 1 weapon - his beak. The octopus's **beak** is hard and sharp, like a parrot's, and he uses it to pierce, rip and tear at his prey. The beak is strong enough to **puncture** a **mollusk**'s shell, creating a hole through which he can suck out the creature inside.

**Here is an example of a glossary for some of the words that were on the Word Wall:**

**Glossary**

**tentacle -** a slender, flexible limb in an animal that is used for grasping, moving and sensing

**smother –** to kill (someone) by covering their nose or mouth so that they suffocate

**tenacious –** not readily relinquishing a position, principle, or course of action; determined