**Directions: Copy table and picture below! Then in the picture, write next to the zone where each organism is located.**

Marine Organisms: Are classified depending on their habitats (Where they live).

Three Types of Marine Organisms: Benthos, Nekton, and Plankton Organisms.

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| Marine Organism | Description | Habitat Zone | Examples |
| Benthos Organisms | Don’t Swim.  Freely move or attach themselves on the seafloor. | Benthic Zone | Sea Stars  Clams  Seaweed |
| Nekton  Organisms | Active Swimmers. Free swimmers that can move themselves through ocean currents. | Pelagic Zone | Fishes  Marine Mammals  Squids |
| Plankton  Organisms | Drifter/Floaters on ocean surface. Float with the ocean current, but can’t move through them. | Photic Zone | Zooplankton (Animals)  Pytoplankton (Plants) |

