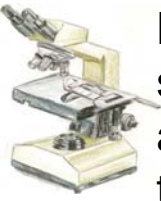


HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM

WHAT ARE ALGAE?

MICROSCOPIC



Most are so small you need a microscope to see them.

PHOTOSYNTHETIC



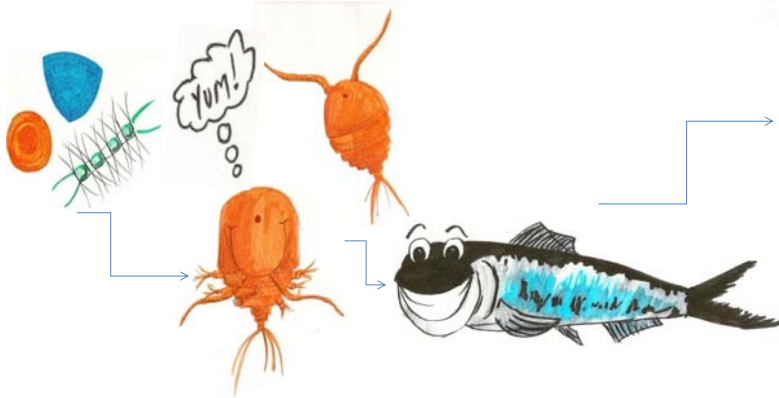
They use sunlight to make their food.

PHYTOPLANKTON

They are like plants and float in the ocean.



Many are important food for animals which are eaten by fish. We like to eat the fish!



WHAT ARE HARMFUL ALGAE?

RED TIDE FORMING



They form large blooms that turn the water red!

TOXIC



They make toxins that can make animals very sick.



BAD FOR SEAFOOD



We can get sick if we eat food with their toxins.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT HABs?

LEARN

To learn more about HABs go online to:
<http://www.whoi.edu/redtide>
Or to learn about how we affect coastal waters go to:
<http://coastcartoonstudio.com/artwork.html>

AVOID



If you see reddish water, or dead animals, like fish, stop and do not go into the water. Also if it smells weird or your eyes or lungs burn there might be a harmful algae bloom and you should avoid the water.