

# autotomy *(au-tot-o-my)*

## Definition

n. the process of self-amputation in animals.

## Example Sentence

The starfish used **autotomy** to escape from the predator by shedding one of its arms.

## More Example Sentences

**Autotomy** helps some animals avoid predators.

## Synonyms

self-amputation; self-removal

## Antonyms

healing; regeneration

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