

OCEAN ANIMALS

READING COMPREHENSION!

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Ocean Animals L1

shark

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1) Which of these do sharks have?

☐ sharp teeth ☐ blue feathers

☐ weak fins ☐ all of these

2) What do sharks eat?

☐ sandwiches ☐ ice-cream

☐ fish ☐ hamburgers

3) What do sharks help to keep healthy?

☐ the ocean ☐ the rainforest

☐ the grasslands ☐ the desert



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crab

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1) What does a crab's shell help protect?

- ☐ its home ☐ its food
☐ its body ☐ all of these

2) What do crabs use their claws for?

- ☐ to eat ice-cream ☐ to grab things
☐ to wave to humans ☐ to climb buildings

3) What do crabs eat?

- ☐ tiny plants and animals ☐ tiny sandwiches
☐ dinosaur eggs ☐ extra large pizzas

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stingray

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1) Where do stingrays like to hide?

- ☐ in trees ☐ behind rocks
☐ in the sand ☐ all of these

2) What do stingrays eat?

- ☐ big fish and plants ☐ small fish and shrimp
☐ big slices of pizza ☐ small birds and bugs

3) What part of their body should you be careful around?

- ☐ their mouth ☐ their backs
☐ their eyes ☐ their tail

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- ☐ talk to friends ☐ catch food
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- ☐ sandwiches ☐ lizards and plants
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squid

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1) How many tentacles do squid have?

- ☐ five ☐ two
☐ six ☐ three

2) What do their arms help them to do?

- ☐ swim fast ☐ throw baseballs
☐ lift weights ☐ catch food

3) What can squid do to hide from predators?

- ☐ change color ☐ go under sand
☐ jump out of the water ☐ find a shell

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1) How many arms does an octopus have?

- ☐ five ☐ seven
☐ six ☐ eight

2) What do octopuses eat?

- ☐ crabs ☐ snails
☐ clams ☐ all of these

3) What are octopuses good at doing?

- ☐ singing ☐ jumping
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starfish

Most starfish have five arms and a bumpy surface. They crawl on the ocean floor. Starfish eat clams and small animals. If a starfish loses an arm, they can regrow it. They come in different colors.

1) How many arms do most starfish have?

2) What do starfish eat?

3) What color are starfish?

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manatee

Manatees are gentle animals that live in the water. They have big bodies, whiskers on their face, and flat tails. Manatees eat aquatic plants and swim slowly. They like warm water and have a great memory.

1) What do manatees look like?

2) What do manatees eat?

3) What kind of water do manatees like?

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orca whale

Orca whales are large, black and white sea animals that are a part of the dolphin family. They live in groups called pods. Orcas eat fish, squid, seals, sea birds, and even whales. They are very smart creatures.

1) What family are orca whales a part of?

2) What do orca whales eat?

3) What is a group of orca whales called?

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sea turtle

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Name: Julian Winter Animals LI

moose

The moose is a big animal with long legs and antlers. It lives in the cold Arctic forests and likes to swim in lakes and rivers. It uses its antlers to defend itself and as a tool to find food in the snow. It can make loud calls to talk to other moose.

1) Where do moose live?

☐ deserts ☐ savannahs

☒ Arctic forests ☐ coral reefs

2) What do moose use their antlers to do?

☐ to look small ☐ to play baseball

☒ to defend themselves ☐ to hang ornaments

3) How do they talk to other moose?

☒ by making loud calls ☐ by texting

☐ by whispering ☐ by snoring

Name: Cameron Winter Animals LS

snowy owl

The snowy owl is a bird with white feathers that lives in the Arctic. It's good at flying and hunting for small animals like mice and rabbits. In the winter, it stays warm with its thick feathers and makes its home in a nest on the ground.

1) What do snowy owls eat?

Snowy owls eat small animals like mice and rabbits.

2) How do snowy owls stay warm?

Snowy owls stay warm with their thick feathers.

3) Where do they make their home?

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