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In the Ocean



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There is a wonderful world under the waves of the deep, blue ocean. There are millions of animals living down there. Some are big and some are small. Some are beautiful and some are amazing.

Let's explore the ocean together.

Number.



- [8] anemone
- [ ] lionfish
- [ ] turtle
- [ ] whale
- [ ] crab
- [ ] dolphin
- [ ] dugong
- [ ] jellyfish
- [ ] octopus
- [ ] starfish



Look at this strange-looking fish. It's a lionfish.

Lionfish are beautiful but, like lions, they can be dangerous. Their stripes are a warning. They can sting you with their long spines.

Can you see its eye?

Circle the mistakes and rewrite correctly.

1. Lionfish is strange-looking fish.

   Lionfish are strange-looking fish.

2. They am very beautiful fish.

3. They has stripes on their bodies.

4. They living near coral reefs.

5. They likes to eat other smaller fish.

6. They can have dangerous.

7. They can sting you on their long spines.

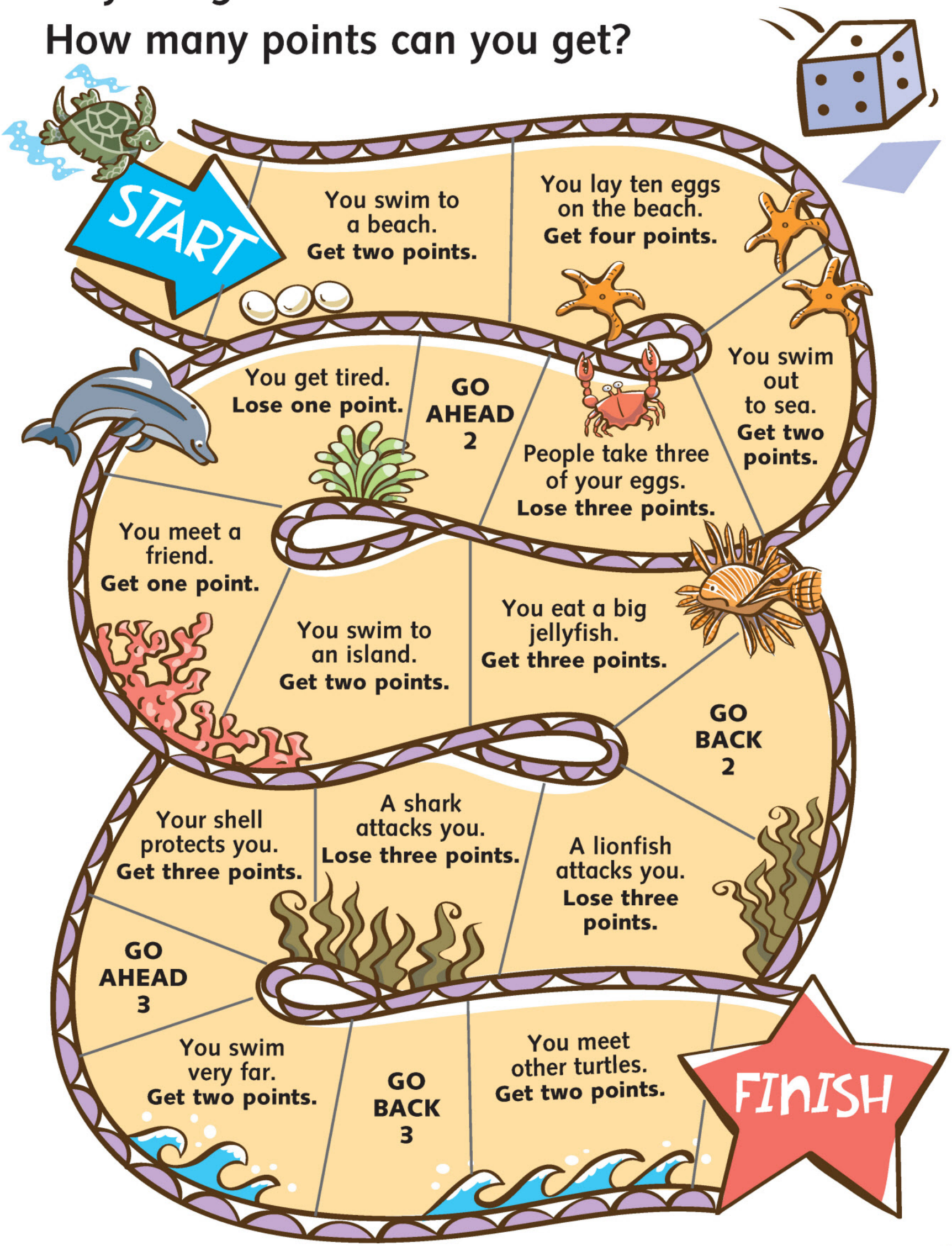
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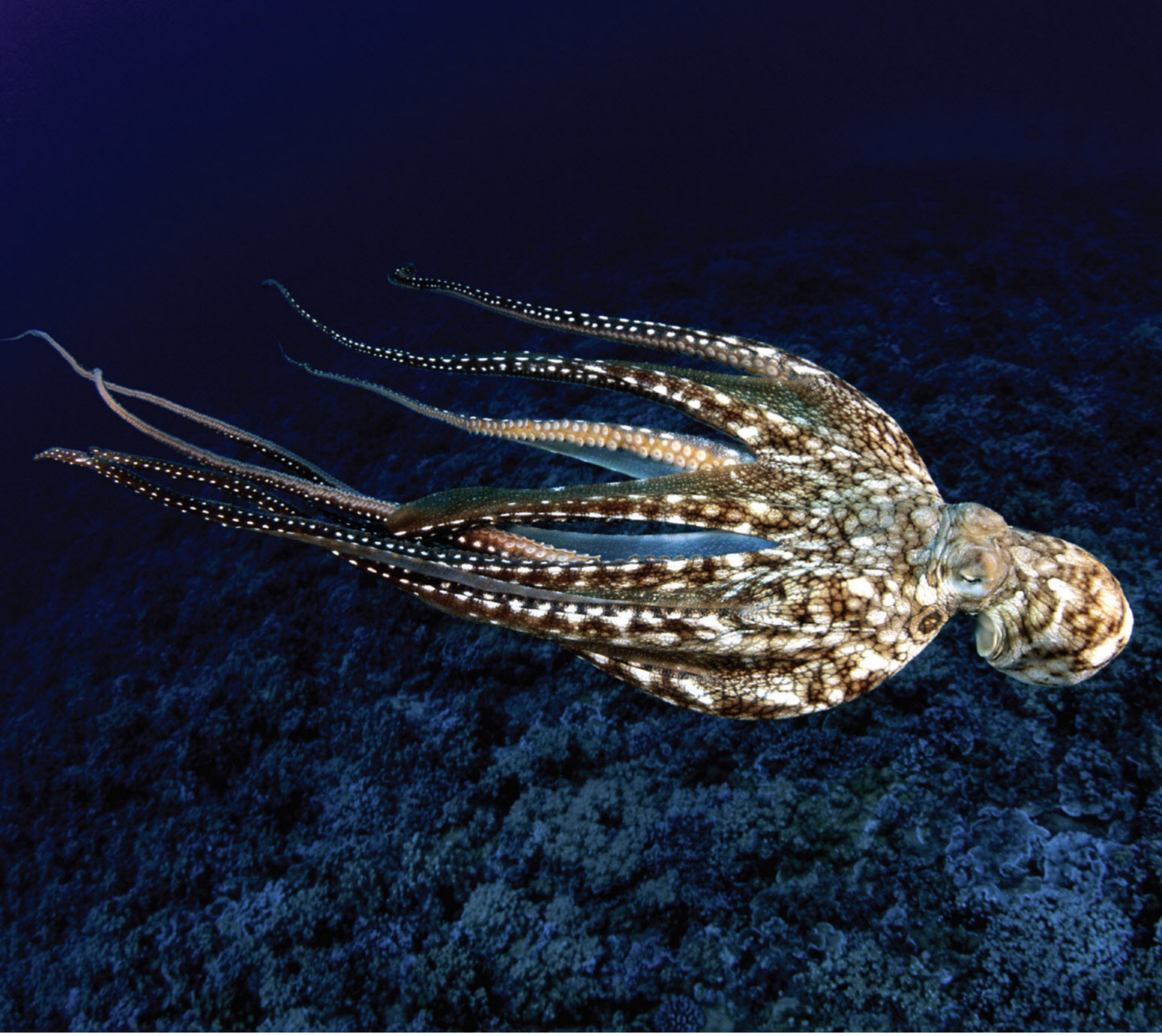


Turtles are big and heavy, but they are good swimmers. They swim thousands of kilometers a year. Their hard shell protects them from sharks and other dangerous fish. They come onto beaches to lay eggs.

Turtles are in danger because people want their shells and their eggs.

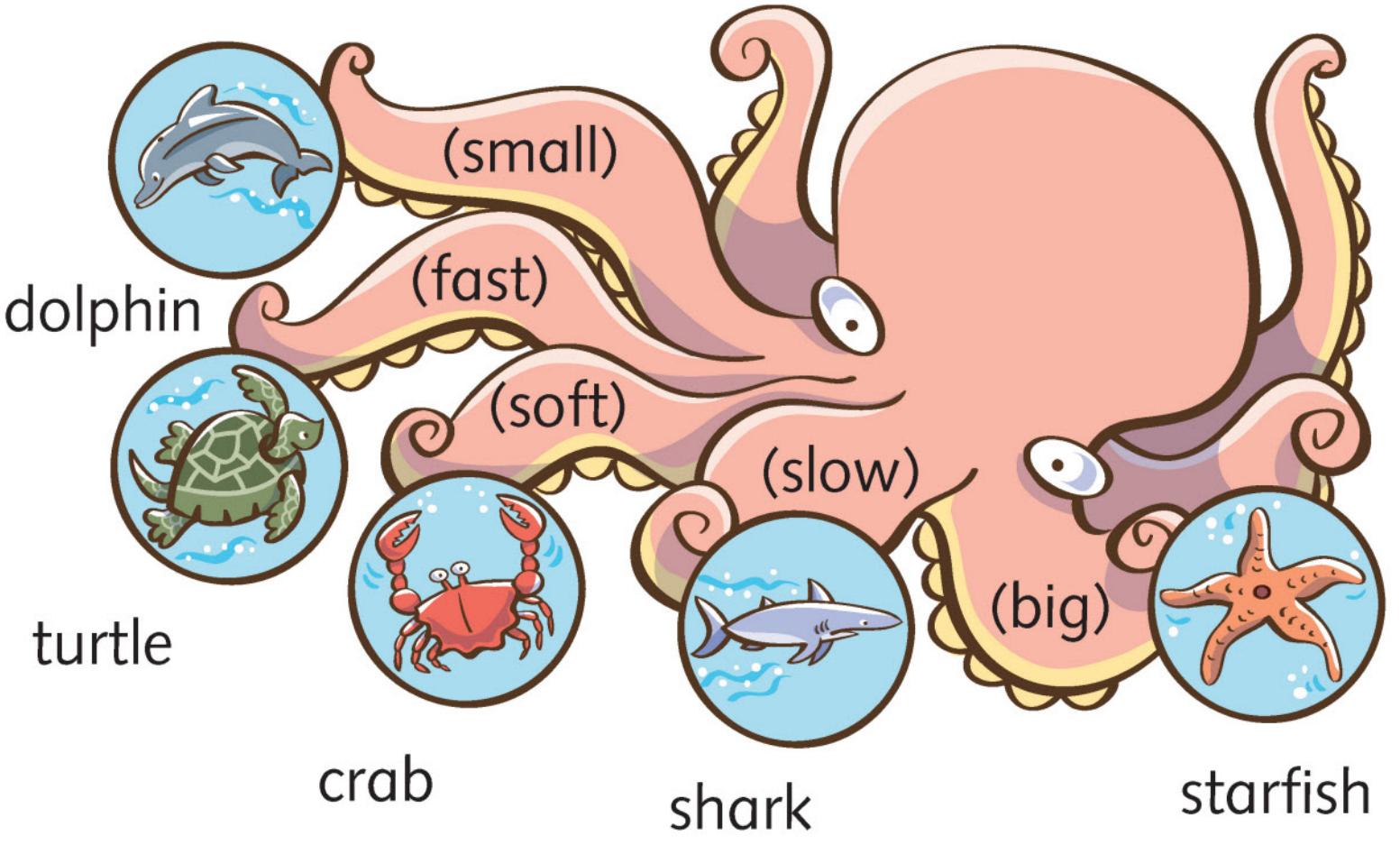
Play the game. You are a turtle. How many points can you get?





Octopuses live in every ocean. They come in all colors and sizes. Some can even change color. They have eight tentacles. The tentacles are like long, thin arms. They use their tentacles to swim and to catch things to eat. When a fish attacks them, they can squirt ink at it and swim away.

Compare the octopus to the other animals.



An octopus is smaller than a dolphin.



In warm oceans there are coral reefs. Coral reefs look like rocks, but they are really made of millions of tiny animals.

Sometimes coral makes small islands. Coral reefs are home to thousands of fish and other sea animals. They are like busy cities underwater.

Check ✓ true or false.

	True	False
❶ Coral reefs are big.	✓	
❷ Coral reefs are usually in cold water.		
❸ Coral reefs are alive.		
❹ Coral reefs are home to many sea animals.		
❺ Coral reefs are in busy cities.		
❻ Coral reefs can be under and out of the water.		
❼ Coral reefs are made of many tiny animals.		
❽ Coral can make small islands.		



You can find anemones in every coral reef. Anemones look like plants, but they are really animals. They catch small fish with their tentacles. But this clownfish is the anemone's friend. The anemone protects the fish, and the fish cleans the anemone.

Rearrange the words.

1. plants anemones like look

   Anemones look like plants.

2. not are plants they

3. live anemones reefs coral on

4. their catch they tentacles with fish

5. clownfish the friend is anemone's the

6. anemone the the clownfish protects

7. the anemone cleans clownfish the

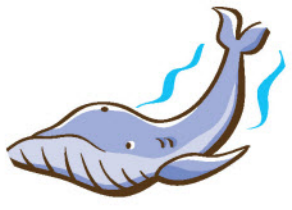
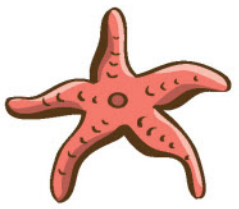
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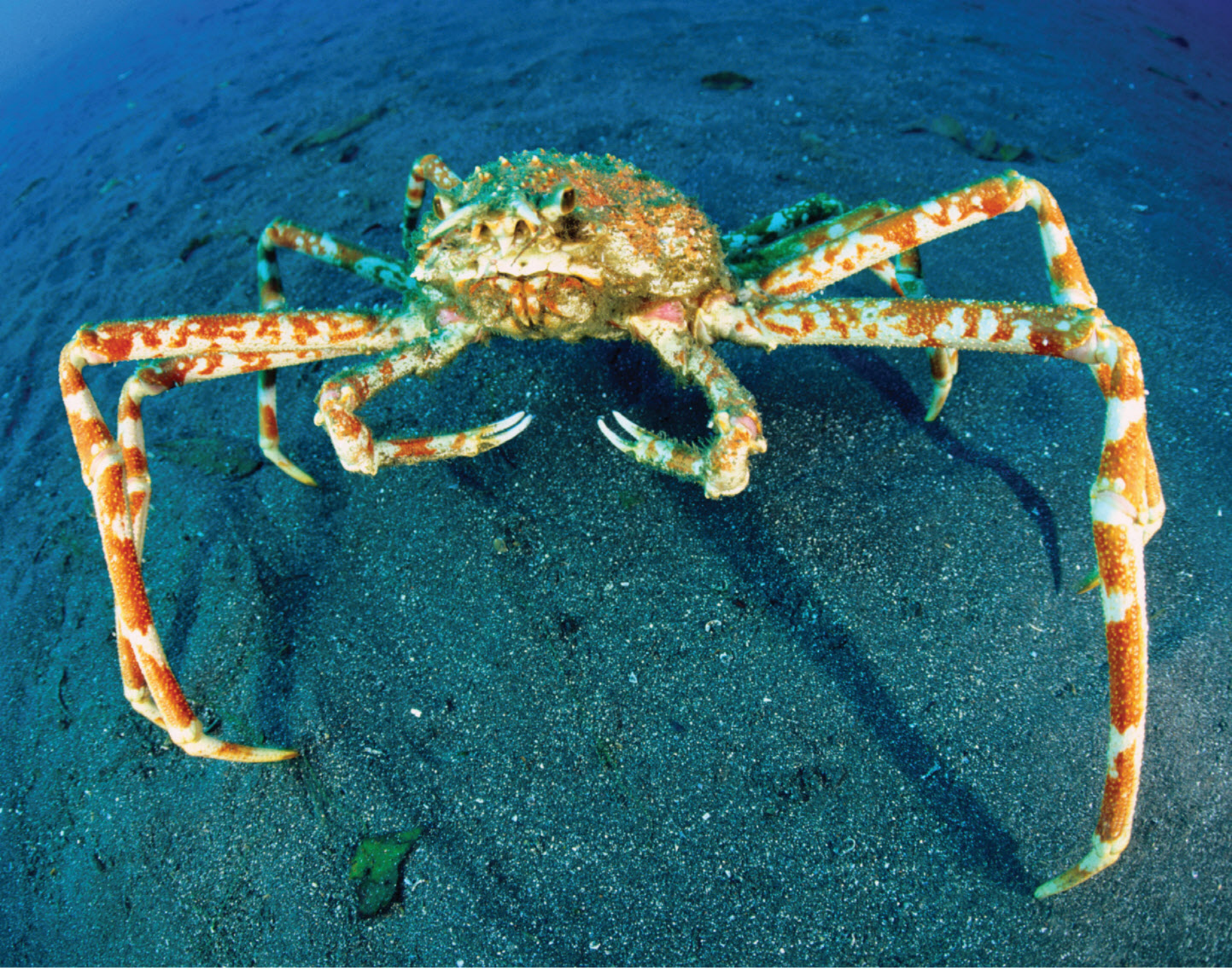


Is this a plant or a fish? This beautiful animal is called a sea dragon and it's a fish. It lives in warm water in the Pacific Ocean.

It swims slowly through the seaweed, and hungry fish don't see it because it looks like a plant. Isn't that amazing?

Connect.

sea	fish	1	
star	weed	2	
jelly	crab	3	
blue	fish	4	
manta	marine	5	
sea	ray	6	
spider	snake	7	
sub	whale	8	



Crabs have ten legs and walk sideways very quickly. They can live in the water and on the beach. They have a hard shell, and two of their legs have pincers.

This is the Japanese spider crab. It's the biggest crab in the world, and it can sometimes grow to nearly four meters wide.

Answer the questions.

1. How many legs does a crab have?

   A crab has ten legs.

2. How do crabs walk?

3. Where do crabs live?

4. How do they protect themselves?

5. What is the biggest crab in the world?

6. What color are Japanese spider crabs?

7. How big can Japanese spider crabs grow?

8. Does the crab in the picture have big pincers?

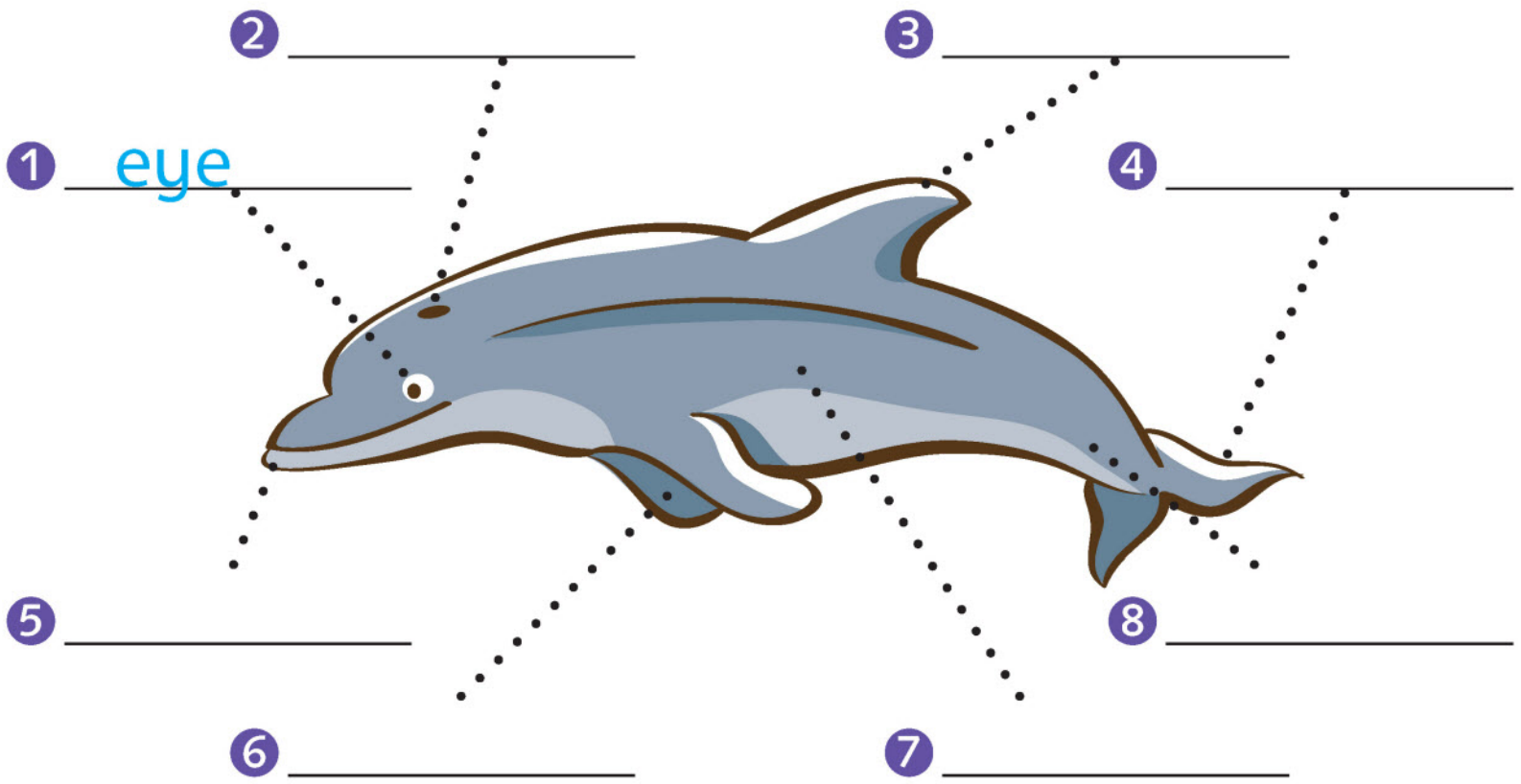


Dolphins are some of the smartest animals in the sea. They live in family groups. They can swim very fast and jump high out of the water.

Sometimes dolphins like to race boats, and swim and play with people.

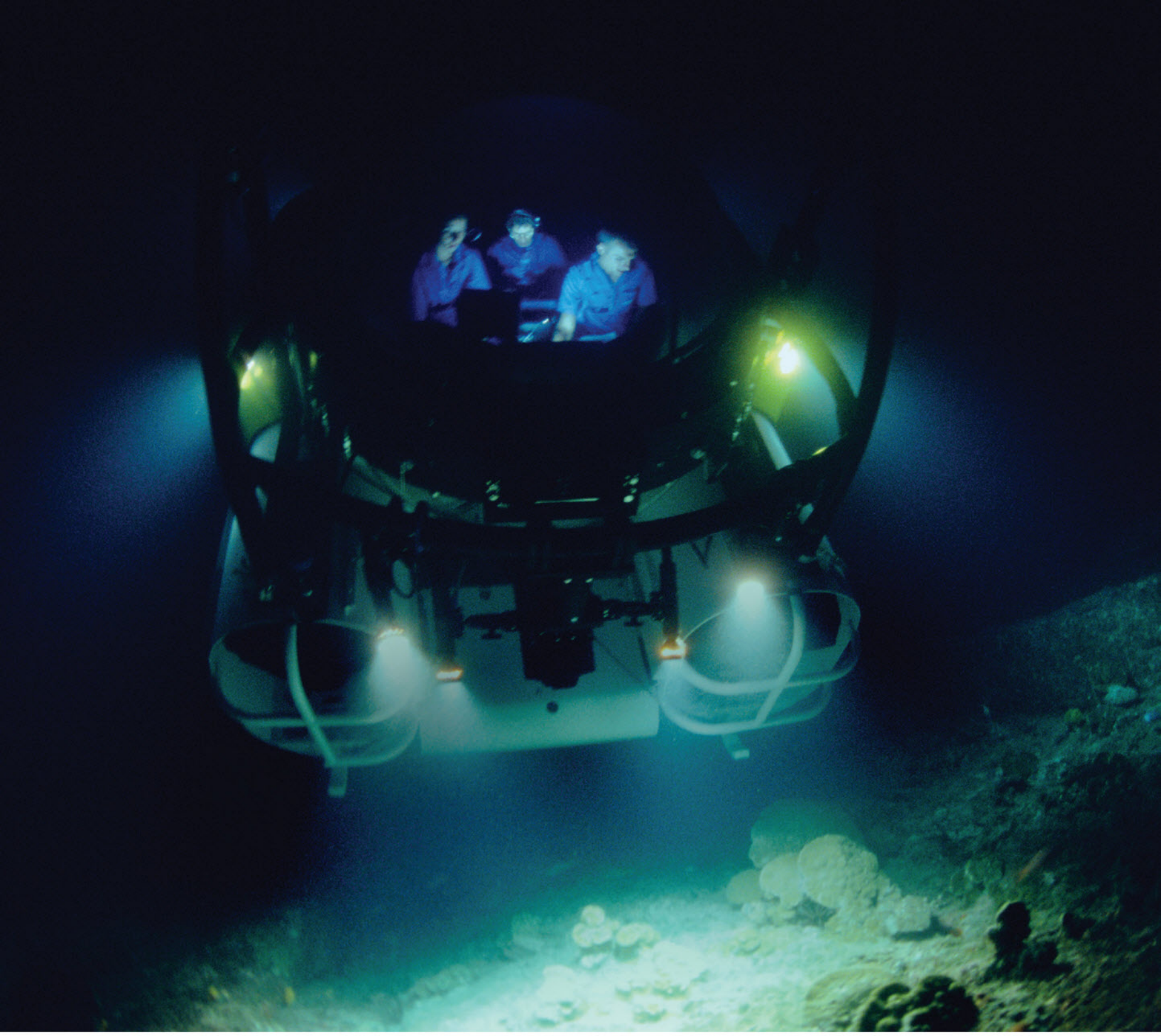
1 Complete. Use these words:

dorsal fin mouth fluke blowhole
flipper tail body eye



2 Connect.

1 Dolphins eat	• 6 meters out of the water.
2 Dolphins dive	• fish and squid.
3 Dolphins jump	• about 25 years.
4 Dolphins live	• to about 300 meters.



The oceans are very deep. Some parts are so deep that the sunlight cannot reach the bottom. People need special submarines to go down into these dark places. This submarine has lights so it can take photographs of the amazing things that live deep down in the sea.

What am I? Read and answer.

Use these words:

octopus	ocean	crab
submarine	anemone	lionfish

1. I have ten legs and can walk sideways.

   A crab.

2. I am an animal that looks like a plant.

   An _____.

3. I have eight tentacles and can change color.

   An _____.

4. I can take people deep down into the ocean.

   A _____.

5. I have stripes on my body.

   A _____.

6. I am deep and full of life.

   An _____.



When you go deep down in a submarine you can see many strange fish. Each of these has its own special way of living in the dark.

This anglerfish has a light on its head. When small fish swim to the light, the anglerfish opens its mouth and eats them.

1 Check ✓ true or false.

	True	False
❶ Anglerfish have big mouths.	✓	
❷ Anglerfish don't have teeth.		
❸ Anglerfish live near the surface.		
❹ They eat small fish.		
❺ Anglerfish have a light on their head.		
❻ Small fish can't see the light.		

2 Complete the sentences. Use these words:

dark down eats fish head
light mouth opens

The anglerfish lives deep down, where it is _____. It has a _____ on its _____. Small _____ swim to it and the anglerfish _____ its _____ and _____ them.



Jellyfish come in all shapes and sizes. They are soft, they have no bones, and you can see right through them.

They look really beautiful, but their long thin tentacles can sting you. Some jellyfish are very dangerous.

Don't touch them!

Make these sentences negative.

1. Crabs can walk forwards.

   Crabs cannot walk forwards.

2. Jellyfish are all the same shape and size.

   _____

3. Anglerfish have long thin bodies.

   _____

4. Dolphins live deep down in the ocean.

   _____

5. Jellyfish have bones in their bodies.

   _____

6. The sea dragon looks like a fish.

   _____

7. People can live deep down in the ocean.

   _____

8. A turtle is a dangerous animal.

   _____



These slow-moving animals are called dugongs. They live in the warm water of the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

Dugongs are also called sea cows because they eat green seagrass. They look like cows eating grass.

Meet Doogy the dugong.
Answer the questions.



1. This dugong's name is Doogy. What's your name?

_____

2. Doogy is 35 years old. How old are you?

_____

3. Doogy is 3 meters long. How tall are you?

_____

4. Doogy weighs 400 kilograms. How much do you weigh?

_____

5. Doogy likes to eat seagrass. What do you like to eat?

_____

6. Doogy comes from Australia. Where do you come from?

_____



This big, flat fish is a manta ray. Its big fins look like a bird's wings.

Years ago sailors were afraid of manta rays, but now we know that they are harmless. They only eat tiny animals called plankton. This diver is in no danger as he gets a ride on the manta ray's back.

Where is the diver? Write.

1 The diver is swimming on the manta ray.



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____





Whales are the giants of the sea. They are mammals, like dolphins and dugongs. They have warm blood and they have to breathe air.

The ocean is a wonderful place to explore, full of strange and exciting life. We must treasure it and protect it.

Complete.

The ocean is deep and _____.

There are many different _____ in the

_____.

In this book, the biggest _____ is the

_____, and the smallest animal is the

_____. I think the scariest animal is

the _____. I think the cutest animal is

the _____, and the strangest animal

is the _____.

My favorite animal is the _____,

because _____

_____.

One day, I would like to go down into the

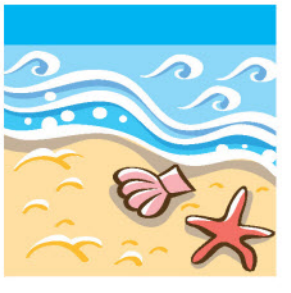
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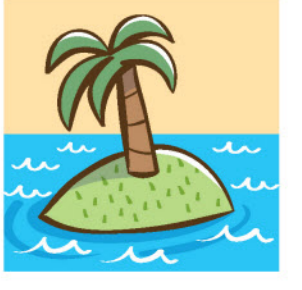
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anemone 

dolphin 

beach 

island 

coral 

jellyfish 

crab 

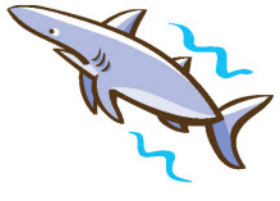
manta ray 

diver 

octopus 

seaweed 

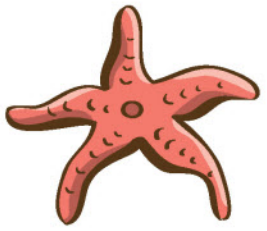
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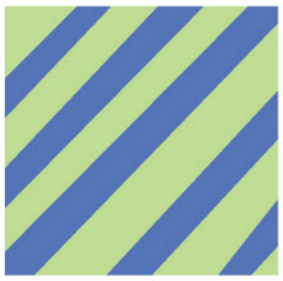
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starfish 

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stripes 

whale 

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