

Text 1:

Our Beautiful Blue Planet

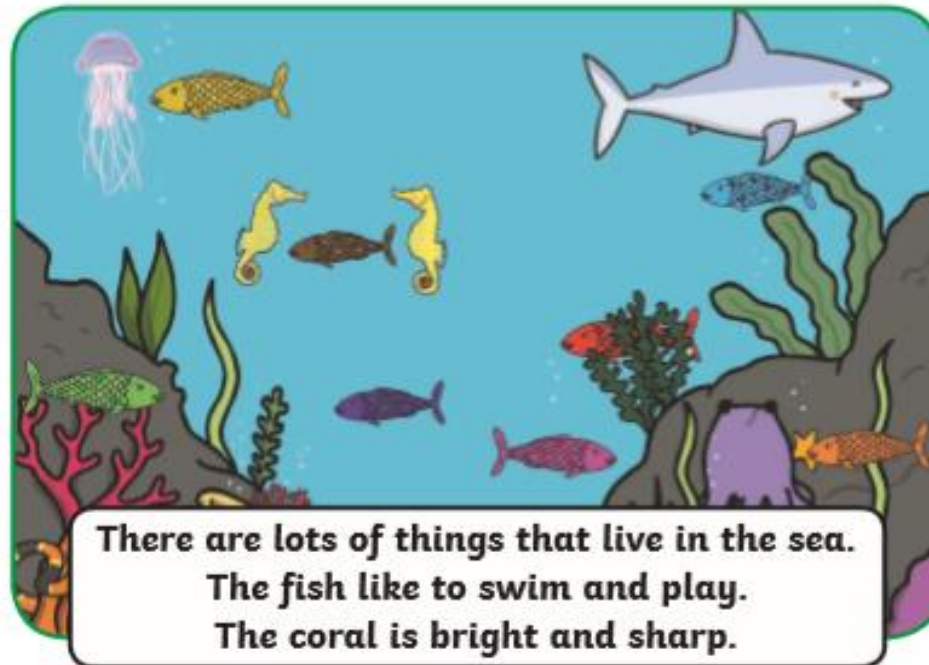
Step 1 Starting Reading Skills



Q1: What do the fish like to do?

Tick **two**.

- eat
- swim
- rush
- play



There are lots of things that live in the sea.
The fish like to swim and play.
The coral is bright and sharp.

Q2: Which word in the text describes the coral?

Tick **one**.

- pink
- long
- bright
- hard



Q3: What might the shark be thinking?
Answer with a full sentence.



Q4: How many fish can you see?
Answer with a full sentence.



Our Beautiful Blue Planet Jazzy Jellyfish

Step 2 Developing Reading Skills



Jellyfish live in the sea all over the world. They have been on our planet for millions of years. Some kinds of jellyfish were even around before the dinosaurs.



A large, brown jellyfish.

Jellyfish come in lots of different sizes and colours. Some are large and bright. Some can be very hard to see and nearly invisible. Some jellyfish can make their own light and glow in the dark!

Q1: Write **one** word to complete this sentence.

Jellyfish have been on our planet for _____ of years.

Q2: Which of these statements are true? Tick **two**.

Jellyfish live in lakes and ponds.

Some jellyfish glow in the dark.

Jellyfish can be hard to see.

Jellyfish are all the same size and colour.



Even though their name says so, jellyfish are not really fish because they do not have a backbone. There are lots of things that jellyfish do not have. They don't have a brain, a heart, any bones or any eyes. Their body is smooth and can look like an empty plastic bag floating in the water.

One thing that jellyfish do have is long arms called tentacles. They use their powerful tentacles to sting fish or even people.

Q3: Which of these does a jellyfish not have? **Circle four** answers.

arms

a brain

a body

eyes

bones

a heart



Q4: Match the adjectives to what they describe in the text.

powerful

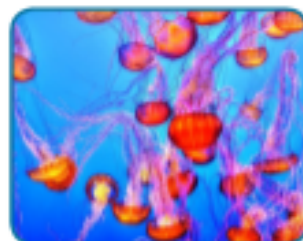
long

smooth

body

tentacles

arms (called tentacles)



A bloom of jellyfish.

Most jellyfish like to live in groups. A group of jellyfish is called a 'bloom'. Large blooms can have thousands of jellyfish in them. Blooms move together and look for food.

Jellyfish eat lots of different things. They eat fish, shrimp, crabs, tiny plants and sometimes, other jellyfish! But jellyfish need to be careful because some animals eat them. Turtles are always looking for a tasty jellyfish to munch on.

Q5: How do you think a jellyfish might feel if it were near a turtle? Explain why.



Q6: Number the facts below in the order that they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

A group of jellyfish is called a 'bloom'.

1 Some kinds of jellyfish were even around before the dinosaurs.

They eat fish, shrimp, crabs, tiny plants and other jellyfish.

Jellyfish are not really fish because they do not have a backbone.

Jellyfish come in lots of different sizes and colours.



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Our Beautiful Blue Planet Answers

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Q3: What might the shark be thinking?

Answer with a full sentence.

Accept any sensible inference regarding what the shark could be thinking, provided that the answer is given in a full sentence.

Answers could include the following themes:

- Wanting to eat the fish.
- Loving swimming in the water.
- Looking for something good to eat.
- Thinking about how powerful and strong he is.

Q4: How many fish can you see?

Answer with a full sentence.

Accept the answer '8', provided that it is given as part of a full sentence, e.g. 'I can see 8 fish.'

Note: Although the shark and seahorses also class as fish, they are not accepted as an answer unless specifically explained by the child due to their subject knowledge.

Text 2:

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Jazzy Jellyfish Answers

Step 2 Starting Reading Skills



Q1: Write one word to complete this sentence.

Jellyfish have been on our planet for millions of years.

Q2: Which of these statements are true? Tick two.

- Jellyfish live in lakes and ponds.
- Some jellyfish glow in the dark.
- Jellyfish can be hard to see.
- Jellyfish are all the same size and colour.

Q3: Which of these does a jellyfish not have? Circle four answers.

- arms a brain a body eyes bones a heart

Q4: Match the adjectives to what they describe in the text.

- powerful body
- long tentacles
- smooth arms (called tentacles)

Q5: How do you think a jellyfish might feel if it were near a turtle?

Explain why.

Accept any reasonable answer which infers that a jellyfish may feel scared or frightened if it sees a turtle because turtles eat jellyfish, e.g.

- A jellyfish might feel scared because the turtle might try to eat him.
- Jellyfish know that turtles eat them so it might feel frightened.

Q6: Number the facts below in the order that they appear in the text.

- ④ The first one has been done for you.
- ① A group of jellyfish is called a 'bloom'.
- ⑤ Some kinds of jellyfish were even around before the dinosaurs.
- ③ They eat fish, shrimp, crabs, tiny plants and other jellyfish.
- ② Jellyfish are not really fish because they do not have a backbone.
- ② Jellyfish come in lots of different sizes and colours.