
Sea Animals

Reading Comprehension

The Jellyfish

Jellyfish are animals that live in water. Some jellyfish can live in freshwater, but most live in the ocean. The jellyfish is a mysterious animal. The jellyfish has a long body with long tentacles. These long tentacles are poisonous and they sting. Some of the deadlier jellyfish have venom that can kill a human. The sunfish and the sea turtle eat the jellyfish, and can do so without being harmed. The jellyfish eat mainly zooplankton and small shrimp in the ocean.

The jellyfish is made up of mostly water. In fact, 98% of the jellyfish is water. The smallest jellyfish are just a few centimetres long, while the largest jellyfish can be up to a couple of metres long. The jellyfish gets its name from the jelly-like feel of the body.

Their jelly-like bodies are clear or sometimes have a pale colouring of blue, orange, brown, white, or pink. Some jellyfish may also come in other colours of deep yellow, deep blue, bright purple, pale lilac, bright orange, and deep red. If disturbed at night, some jellyfish give off a bright light. This makes them look like they glow in the dark.

Story Questions:

1. Why does the author say that jellyfish are mysterious animals?
 - a. They eat zooplankton.
 - b. They are related to the sea anemone.
 - c. They have unique bodies and they have a harmful sting.
 - d. They are made up of mostly water.

2. What is the main idea of the second paragraph?
 - a. the diet of the jellyfish
 - b. the enemies of the jellyfish
 - c. the colour of the jellyfish
 - d. the makeup of the jellyfish

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3. What is the meaning of the word *disturbed* in the third paragraph?
 - a. settled
 - b. unconcerned
 - c. bothered
 - d. mentally unsettled

 4. Most jellyfish live in the ocean, but where are some jellyfish found?
 - a. in fresh water
 - b. in the Indian Ocean
 - c. in the sea
 - d. in Niagara Falls

Story Writing

5. Using the story starter below, **write** a story that is at least six sentences long.
 - ★ Jared Jellyfish was not happy when his mother told him that even jellyfish have to clean their rooms...

Word Problems

6. **Read** the word problem below and **write** the answers.
 - ★ Sea school has 10 classes with the same number of sea animals in each class. One day, the weather was bad and many were absent. 5 classes were half full, 3 classes were $\frac{3}{4}$ full, and 2 classes were $\frac{1}{8}$ empty. A total of 70 sea animals were absent. How many sea animals are in this school when no students are absent?

 - ★ Sharky gave half of his stamps to Oyster. Oyster gave half of his stamps to Seahorse. Seahorse gave $\frac{1}{4}$ of the stamps given to her to Jellyfish and kept the remaining 12. How many stamps did Sharky start with?

Fun Stuff!

7. Grouping Game! **Think** of and **say** three things that go in each category as quickly as you can:
 1. Animals with fins
 2. Animals with tentacles
 3. Animals you might find in an aquarium or fish tank