

*Look Who Lives in the Ocean!*  
Informational Reading Comprehension 2

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What is a shark skeleton made of? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is the California gull Utah's state bird? \_\_\_\_\_

What is baleen and how does a whale use it? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why does the Red Sea have that name? \_\_\_\_\_

What chemical pesticide once caused the brown pelican to be endangered in the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_

What layer of the ocean does coral live in? \_\_\_\_\_

What are five common body parts a sea jelly is lacking?

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Where are a mother manatee's milk glands for nursing her young? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the largest species of sea turtle and what item of litter is especially dangerous to its survival?

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How many appendages does a lobster have? \_\_\_\_\_

What color is an octopus' blood? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Look Who Lives in the Desert!*  
**Informational Reading Comprehension 2 KEY**

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**What five oceans connect to make the largest body of water on the planet?**

*Pacific Ocean*

*Atlantic Ocean*

*Indian Ocean*

*Southern Ocean*

*Arctic Ocean*

**What is "countershading" on a stingray?** *It's dark on top and light on the bottom for camouflage.*

**How does a dorid get poison to use against predators?** *It incorporates poisonous chemicals from the prey  
It eats into its own body for protection.*

**What human activity keeps swordfish from living their full life span?** *commercial fishing*

**What is a small group of sea lions in the water called?** *a raft*

**What internal organ keeps fish neutrally buoyant (not sinking or floating)?** *swim bladder*

**How many species of fish exist in the world?** *over 30,000; most are in the ocean*

**In what two oceans are deep sea angler fish most commonly found?**

*Atlantic Ocean*

*Southern Ocean*

**What is the average number of babies carried in the pouch of a male seahorse?** *150-200*

**What is a shark skeleton made of?** *cartilage*

**Why is the California gull Utah's state bird?** *It is a migratory bird and saved crops in Utah by gorging on  
crickets in the state's 1848 infestation.*

**What is baleen and how does a whale use it?** *horny plates of tissue in the mouth used to strain fish and krill*

**What are "electric eels" and where are they found?** *Only found in the Amazon Basin of South America (not  
the ocean) these eels have cells on their bodies that send out small shock waves.*

**What is the proper term for a sea star's arms?** *rays*

**Why does the Red Sea have that name?** *An algae blooms in it and causes a reddish hue.*

**What chemical pesticide once caused the brown pelican to be endangered in the U.S.?** *DDT*

**What layer of the ocean does coral live in?** *the topmost layer called the euphotic or sunlit zone*

**What are five common body parts a sea jelly is lacking?**

*skeleton*

*gills*

*heart*

*blood*

*brain*

**Where are a mother manatee's milk glands for nursing her young?** *in her armpits*

**What is the largest species of sea turtle and what item of litter is especially dangerous to its survival?**

*The leatherback sea turtle sometimes mistakes plastic bags for jellyfish (its main food) and eats them.*

**How many appendages does a lobster have?** *usually around 40*

**What color is an octopus' blood?** *blue*

**What two natural behaviors may prompt dolphins to assist drowning humans?** *Dolphins mothers push  
newborns to the surface to breathe. Also, dolphins sometimes hold other dolphins in need at the surface.*