

Under the Sea

Humpback whale



Type: mammal
Diet: omnivore
Lifespan in wild: 50 years
Size: 19m
Weight: 36000kg
Top speed: 27 km/h

Humpback whales were nearly made extinct by hunting but now about 80000 of them roam the seas!

Tiger shark



Type: fish
Diet: carnivore
Lifespan in wild: 40 years
Size: 5m
Weight: 87kg
Top speed: 60 km/h

Seahorse



Type: fish
Diet: omnivore
Lifespan in wild: 4 years
Size: 35.5cm
Weight: 200g
Top speed: 150 cm/h

Although it is the female seahorse that lays eggs, she passes them to the male seahorse who carries them in a pouch until the young are born.

Giant Pacific Octopus



Type: invertebrate
Diet: carnivore
Lifespan in wild: 5 years
Size: 9m
Weight: 71kg
Top speed: 40 km/h

These are very clever creatures and in tests, they have learned to open jars and solve mazes.

Green turtle



Type: reptile
Diet: herbivore
Lifespan in wild: 80 years
Size: 152cm
Weight: 160kg
Top speed: 56 km/h
Female green turtles lay

Box jellyfish



Type: invertebrate
Diet: carnivore
Lifespan in wild: 1 year
Size: 3m
Weight: 2kg
Top speed: 7.4 km/h
The venom of the box jellyfish is the deadliest in the world.

Glossary

- Carnivore: an animal that feeds on other animals
- Extinct: when there are none of a type of animal left alive.
- Gill: part of a fish to allow them to get oxygen from water.
- Herbivore: an animal that feeds on plants.
- Invertebrate: an animal without a backbone.
- Mammal: a vertebrate: gives birth to live young; it feeds its young with milk.
- Omnivore: an animal that eats both plants and animals.

Glossary

- Venom: a poison that some animals make.
- Vertebrate: an animal with a backbone.
- Reptile: a vertebrate, usually with dry, scaly skin and lays eggs.

1. Match the abbreviations to the words

cm	kilogram
kg	kilometres per hour
km/h	metre
m	centimetre

2. Circle true or false for the statements below.

Humpback whales lay eggs. True/false

Box jellyfish eat animals. True/false

A tiger shark is a fish. True/false

Humpback whales are extinct. True/false

Green turtles eat plants and animals. True/false

Humpback whales live longer than tiger sharks. True/false

A Giant Pacific Octopus is faster than a green turtle. True/false

A Giant Pacific Octopus might be able to open a jar. True/false

Seahorses are a type of fish. True/false

Male seahorses lay eggs. True/false

3. Fill in the gaps in these sentences

A Giant Pacific Octopus eats _____

A Giant Pacific Octopus lives longer than _____

A Giant Pacific Octopus is not as fast as _____

Write another sentence about one or more of the sea creatures:

4. Which animal makes venom? _____

5. Which animal was in danger of becoming extinct? _____

6. What is a carnivore? _____

What is a reptile? _____