

AWESOME ANATOMY

Every animal in the ocean was created with unique features that make them simply amazing!

Great white sharks' most acute sense is smell. If there were just a single drop of blood floating in 10 billion drops of water, **they could smell it!**

Squids, octopuses, and cuttlefishes are among the few animals in the world that can change the color of their skin in the blink of an eye. These cephalopods—a group of mollusks with arms attached to their heads—can change their skin tone to match their surroundings, **rendering them nearly invisible**, or alternatively give themselves a pattern that makes them stand out.

Let's look at a few more interesting facts...

TOOTH TRIVIA

Sharks continually shed their teeth; some species shed approximately 35,000 teeth in a lifetime

Crabs don't have teeth like other animals. However, some crabs have **teeth in their stomachs**, odd as it sounds.

Some rays feed on shellfish by crushing their shells with their **serrated tooth plate**.

Blue Whales don't have teeth. Instead they have a substance called a "baleen plate" which filters their food out of the water. Hence why their hunting method is known as "**Filter Feeding**."

FLIP OUT!

TENTACLES

A tentacle is a flexible, mobile, elongated organ present in some species of animals, most of them invertebrates.

Most forms of tentacles are used for grasping and feeding. Many are sensory organs, variously receptive to touch, vision, or to the smell or taste of particular foods or threats.

Name 2 animals with tentacles.

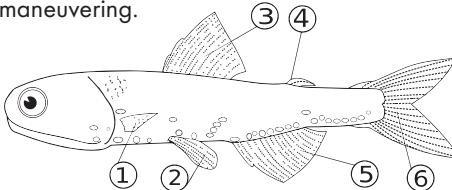
FLIPPERS

A flipper is a broad, flattened limb adapted for movement through water. It refers to the fully webbed, swimming appendages of aquatic vertebrates that are not fish.

Name 3 animals that have flippers.

FINS

Aquatic animals typically use fins for locomotion. Fish, and other aquatic animals such as cetaceans, actively propel and steer themselves with pectoral and tail fins. As they swim, they use other fins, such as dorsal and anal fins, to achieve stability and refine their maneuvering.



1. Pectoral Fins (Paired)
2. Pelvic fins (paired)
3. Dorsal Fin
4. Adipose Fin
5. Anal Fin
6. Caudal Fin (Tail Fin)

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Your Name _____

**WE WANT TO
SEE
YOUR CREATURES!
CONTEST**

Creature's Name _____

CREATE A CREATURE!

Use the space above to draw your own sea creature. Think about what you learned about sea creatures and their unique features. Will it have fins? Does it have teeth? Maybe tentacles? Think about what part of the ocean it lives in. And remember to give your creature a name and post it on our facebook page!

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