



Octopuses — Smart Artists of the Sea

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An octopus is one of the most interesting **animals** in the **sea**. It has a soft body, two big **eyes**, and eight long **arms**. The octopus has no bones inside its body. This means it can change its shape and fit into very small spaces between rocks.

Most octopuses live in the ocean. They like to **hide** in caves or behind rocks during the day. They eat small fish, crabs, and shells. The octopus uses its eight arms to **catch food**. Each arm has many small cups called suckers. The suckers help it hold on tight.

The octopus is very **smart**. It can open jars, solve simple puzzles, and even use rocks as tools. Some scientists say it is one of the smartest animals in the sea. Its big brain helps it find food and stay safe from danger.

When an octopus is in danger, it can **change** its **color** in only a few seconds. It can turn brown, red, gray, or even blue. This helps it hide on coral, rocks, or sand. If a big fish comes too close, the octopus shoots black ink into the water and swims away fast.

The next time you visit an aquarium, look for an octopus. Watch how it moves and changes color. You will see one of nature's most amazing animals — a quiet, smart artist of the sea.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. animal ____ | a. a long part of the body used to hold or reach |
| 2. sea ____ | b. to take hold of something that is moving |
| 3. eye ____ | c. the way something looks (red, blue, green, and so on) |
| 4. arm ____ | d. able to learn, think, and solve problems quickly |
| 5. hide ____ | e. a living thing that can move and is not a plant |
| 6. catch ____ | f. a large area of salt water |
| 7. food ____ | g. the part of the body you use to see |
| 8. smart ____ | h. to put yourself in a place where no one can see you |
| 9. change ____ | i. what people and animals eat |
| 10. color ____ | j. to make or become different |



B. True or False

1. An octopus has eight long arms. ____
2. An octopus has many bones inside its body. ____
3. Octopuses live in caves and behind rocks in the ocean. ____
4. Octopuses eat fish, crabs, and shells. ____
5. The small cups on an octopus arm are called suckers. ____
6. An octopus can open jars and use rocks as tools. ____
7. An octopus can change its color in only a few seconds. ____
8. When in danger, an octopus shoots blue water from its body. ____
9. The octopus is one of the smartest animals in the sea. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: arms, hide, smart, color, food

1. An octopus has eight long _____ that help it catch and hold things.
2. Octopuses like to _____ in caves or behind rocks during the day.

3. The octopus is very _____ and can open jars and solve puzzles.
4. When an octopus is in danger, it can change its _____ in a few seconds.
5. The octopus uses its arms to catch _____ like fish and crabs.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. What does an octopus look like?
2. Where do most octopuses live?
3. How does an octopus catch and hold its food?
4. Why do scientists say the octopus is a smart animal?
5. What does an octopus do when a big fish comes close?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen an octopus in real life or in a picture? What did it look like?
2. If you could change your color like an octopus, what color would you pick and why?
3. Why do you think it is important to keep our oceans clean for animals like the octopus?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-e, 2-f, 3-g, 4-a, 5-h, 6-b, 7-i, 8-d, 9-j, 10-c

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-T, 5-T, 6-T, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-arms, 2-hide, 3-smart, 4-color, 5-food

D. Comprehension:

1. An octopus has a soft body, two big eyes, eight long arms, and no bones inside its body.
2. Most octopuses live in the ocean, hidden in caves or behind rocks.
3. It uses its eight arms, which have many small cups called suckers, to hold on tight to its food.
4. Because it can open jars, solve simple puzzles, and even use rocks as tools.
5. It can change its color to hide, or it shoots black ink into the water and swims away fast.