

Deep Sea Creatures

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The **ocean** is very big. It covers more than 70% of the Earth. The ocean has many different parts. Some parts are very shallow. Other parts are very **deep**. The deepest part of the ocean is called the Mariana Trench. It is almost 11 kilometers deep!

Deep in the ocean, there is no **light** from the sun. It is very dark and very cold. The water pressure is very strong. Many strange animals live there. Scientists call these animals "deep sea creatures." They have special bodies that help them survive in the dark, cold water.

Some deep sea creatures can **glow** in the dark. The anglerfish is one example. It has a small light on its head. This light attracts smaller fish. Then the anglerfish eats them! The anglerfish has a very big mouth and sharp teeth. It is a very strange-looking fish.

The giant squid is another deep sea creature. It is very large — some are as long as a school bus! The giant squid has eight arms and two long **tentacles**. It uses these to catch food. The giant squid has very big eyes. Its eyes help it see in the dark ocean.

There are millions of creatures living in the deep sea. Scientists discover new animals every year. Many of these animals look very unusual. They can be very small or very large. The deep sea is one of the most mysterious places on Earth. There is still so much to learn!

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. ocean ____ | a. animal that hunts and eats other animals |
| 2. creature ____ | b. strong pushing force felt from all sides |
| 3. deep ____ | c. hard outer covering that protects some animals |
| 4. light ____ | d. going far down from the top or surface |
| 5. tentacle ____ | e. long, thin arm of an animal such as an octopus or squid |
| 6. glow ____ | f. top layer or outside part of something |
| 7. pressure ____ | g. very large body of salt water that covers most of the Earth |
| 8. shell ____ | h. living animal, especially one that is unusual or strange |
| 9. predator ____ | i. brightness that allows you to see things |
| 10. surface ____ | j. to produce a soft, steady light |

B. True or False

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| ____ 1. The ocean covers more than 70% of the Earth. | ____ 2. The Mariana Trench is the shallowest part of the ocean. |
| ____ 3. Deep in the ocean, there is no light from the sun. | ____ 4. The water in the deep sea is very warm. |

___ 5. The anglerfish has a small light on its head.

___ 7. The giant squid has eight arms and two tentacles.

___ 9. Scientists discover new deep sea animals every year.

___ 6. The anglerfish uses its light to scare other fish away.

___ 8. The giant squid is about the same size as a cat.

___ 10. All deep sea creatures can glow in the dark.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: ocean, deep, glow, light, tentacle, creature, pressure, surface

1. The _____ covers more than 70% of the Earth.
2. The Mariana Trench is very _____ — almost 11 kilometers down.
3. Some deep sea fish can _____ in the dark because they make their own light.
4. The anglerfish uses the _____ on its head to attract smaller fish.
5. Each long _____ of the giant squid helps it grab and hold food.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. Where is the deepest part of the ocean, and how deep is it?
2. How does the anglerfish catch its food?
3. Why does the giant squid have very big eyes?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you like to visit the deep sea? Why or why not?
2. If you could discover a new deep sea creature, what would it look like and what special ability would it have?



Answer Key

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

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T, 10-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-ocean, 2-deep, 3-glow, 4-light, 5-tentacle

D. Comprehension:

1. The deepest part of the ocean is the Mariana Trench, which is almost 11 kilometers deep.
2. The anglerfish uses the small light on its head to attract smaller fish, and then it eats them.
3. The giant squid has very big eyes to help it see in the dark, deep ocean.

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