

Teacher's Resource Pack

KEY
STAGE
TWO



SEA  LIFE

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Wow Fact

Roughly 25% of the world's marine life lives on or around coral reefs!

Habitats

Worksheet 1- Creature Quiz

How well do you think you know sea creatures?

- ★ For each question, your teacher will describe a sea creature.
- ★ Look at the sea creatures below for each question.
- ★ Decide which of the four creatures the description is about.

1



Octopus



Mussel



Turtle



Sponge

2



Starfish



Shark



Salmon



Seal

3



Ray



Hermit Crab



Blue Whale



Tuna

4



Anemone



Jellyfish



Lobster



Prawn

From what you have learned about the four animals above, what do you think they have in common? What sort of a habitat do you think they live in?

Wow Fact

Coral reefs are one of the most threatened ecosystems on earth.

Habitats

Worksheet 2: Describe the Environment

Being able to talk about habitats is a big part of being a sea scientist. Write a paragraph to describe the habitat shown in the picture. You could start by labelling the picture. Make sure you mention:

- ★ The main features of the habitat.
- ★ What sort of water you think will be in the habitat (freshwater/saltwater).
- ★ The type of cover available for the animals living there.
- ★ The different types of food which are available.



Can you spot these things in the picture?

Clownfish

Starfish

Turtle

Rocks

Anemone

Crab

Sea Snake

Plants

Shark

Jellyfish

Coral

Wow Fact

An octopus has blue blood, three hearts and can change their skin colour in the blink of an eye!

Movement

Worksheet 3: Guess How They Move

Sea creatures come in all different shapes and sizes; from scuttling and crawling, to swimming and floating, they move in all sorts of ways.

- ★ Look at the pictures of the animals below.
- ★ Think about words which could be used to describe how that animal moves.
- ★ Now write a paragraph to explain how you think that animal moves.



Octopus

Eight arms, Sucker cups, Soft body



Seahorse

Pre-hensile tail, Bony body armour, Dorsal fin

Wow Fact

Most fish swim by moving their tail from side to side. Whales and dolphins, which are mammals, swim by moving their tail up and down.

Movement

Worksheet 4: Anatomy of a Fish

Put your learning to the test! Look at the diagram of the fish below and label it using these words.

Lateral line

Dorsal fin

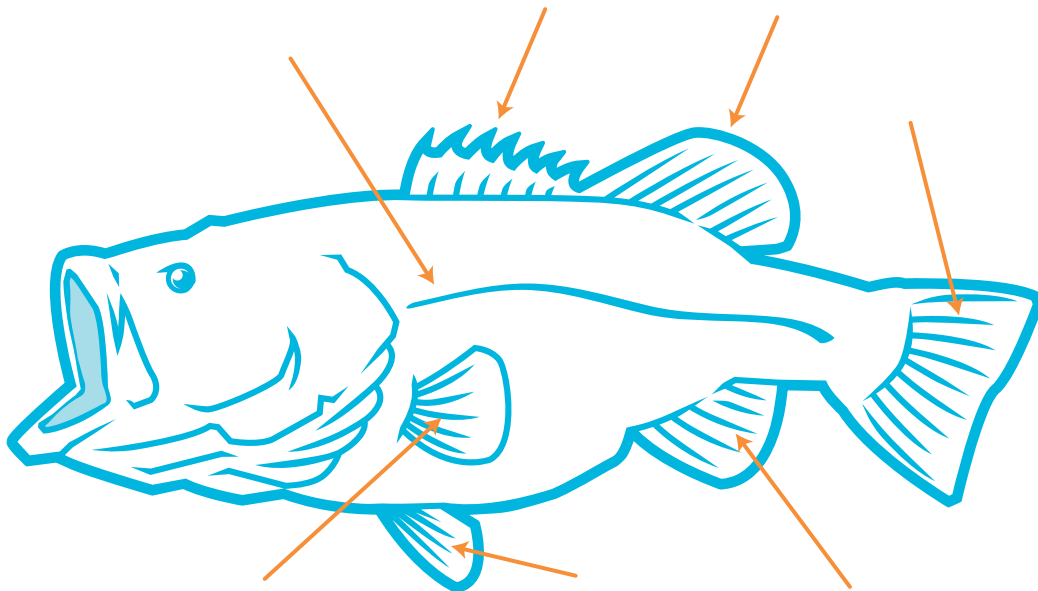
Soft dorsal

Pectoral fin

Caudal fin

Pelvic fin

Anal fin



Wow Fact

Flying Fish can leap out of the water, jumping up to 10 metres to escape their predator. Their tail can move 30 beats per second to get the speed they need to jump.

Movement

Worksheet 5: How Fast Can a Fish Swim?

Some fish can swim really fast for a very long time, helping them cover huge distances in search of food. Read the information below, which explains how far each type of fish can swim. Now work out the answers to the questions.



At top speed a mackerel can swim 30km in one hour.



At top speed a Blue Fin Tuna can swim 100km in one hour.



At top speed a sailfish can swim 115km in one hour.



At top speed a Flying Fish can swim 60km in one hour.

Questions:

- Q:** How far could a sailfish swim in five hours?
A:
- Q:** A swordfish can swim three times as fast as a mackerel; how far can a swordfish swim in one hour?
A:
- Q:** How long would it take a Blue Fin Tuna to swim 350 miles?
A:
- Q:** How long would it take for a mackerel to swim as far as a Flying Fish can in three hours?
A:
- Q:** How far can a Blue Fin Tuna swim in 45 minutes?
A:

Wow Fact








Turtles are ancient reptiles - they've been around for 200 million years and can live to be 100 years old!

Movement

Worksheet 6: Alive or Not

Every living thing uses the seven life processes. So, can you figure out which of the following are living things?

- ✧ For each thing listed in the left hand column, work through the table, placing a tick or a cross in each box to show whether it is capable of that life process.
- ✧ If an item receives a tick in every box then it is capable of all the life processes and therefore is alive.
- ✧ Place a tick in the final column for any of the things which you think are living.

	Movement	Reproduction	Sensitivity	Nutrition	Excretion	Respiration	Grow	Living
 Speedboat								
 Bumble bee								
 Crab								
 Human								
 Chocolate								
 Shark								
 Fire								

Wow Fact

There are over 31,500 different species of fish in the world's oceans, rivers and lakes

Classification & Variation

Worksheet 7: Guess Who

Think you know enough to work out which creature is which?



Name:
Sea Turtle

SEALIFE

Shell:
Yes

Number of Legs/Flippers:
4

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Cold

What Does it Eat:
Small fish and jellyfish



Name:
Octopus

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
8

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Cold

What Does it Eat:
Crabs, lobsters and other shellfish



Name:
Crab

SEALIFE

Shell:
Yes

Number of Legs/Flippers:
8

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Cold

What Does it Eat:
Plants and dead animals



Name:
Salmon

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
0

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Cold

What Does it Eat:
Small fish and plankton



Name:
Grey Seal

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
4

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Warm

What Does it Eat:
Cod and other fish



Name:
Blue Whale

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
2

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Warm

What Does it Eat:
Krill



Name:
Blacktip Reef Shark

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
0

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Cold

What Does it Eat:
Big fish like surgeonfish or rays



Name:
Moon Jellyfish

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
0 (but lots of tentacles)

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Cold

What Does it Eat:
Plankton & small fish

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Name:
Seahorse

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
0

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Cold

What Does it Eat:
Plankton



Name:
Otter

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
4

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Warm

What Does it Eat:
Sea Urchins, crabs and mussels



Name:
King Penguin

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
4

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Warm

What Does it Eat:
Small fish and squid



Name:
Starfish

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
5

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Cold

What Does it Eat:
Mussels



Name:
Barnacles

SEALIFE

Shell:
Yes

Number of Legs/Flippers:
12

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Cold

What Does it Eat:
Plankton



Name:
Mackerel

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
0

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Cold

What Does it Eat:
Small fish



Name:
Giant Moray Eel

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
0

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Cold

What Does it Eat:
Crabs, lobster and shrimp



Name:
Sea Anemone

SEALIFE

Shell:
No

Number of Legs/Flippers:
0 (but lots of tentacles)

Warm or Cold Blooded:
Cold

What Does it Eat:
Shrimp

Wow Fact

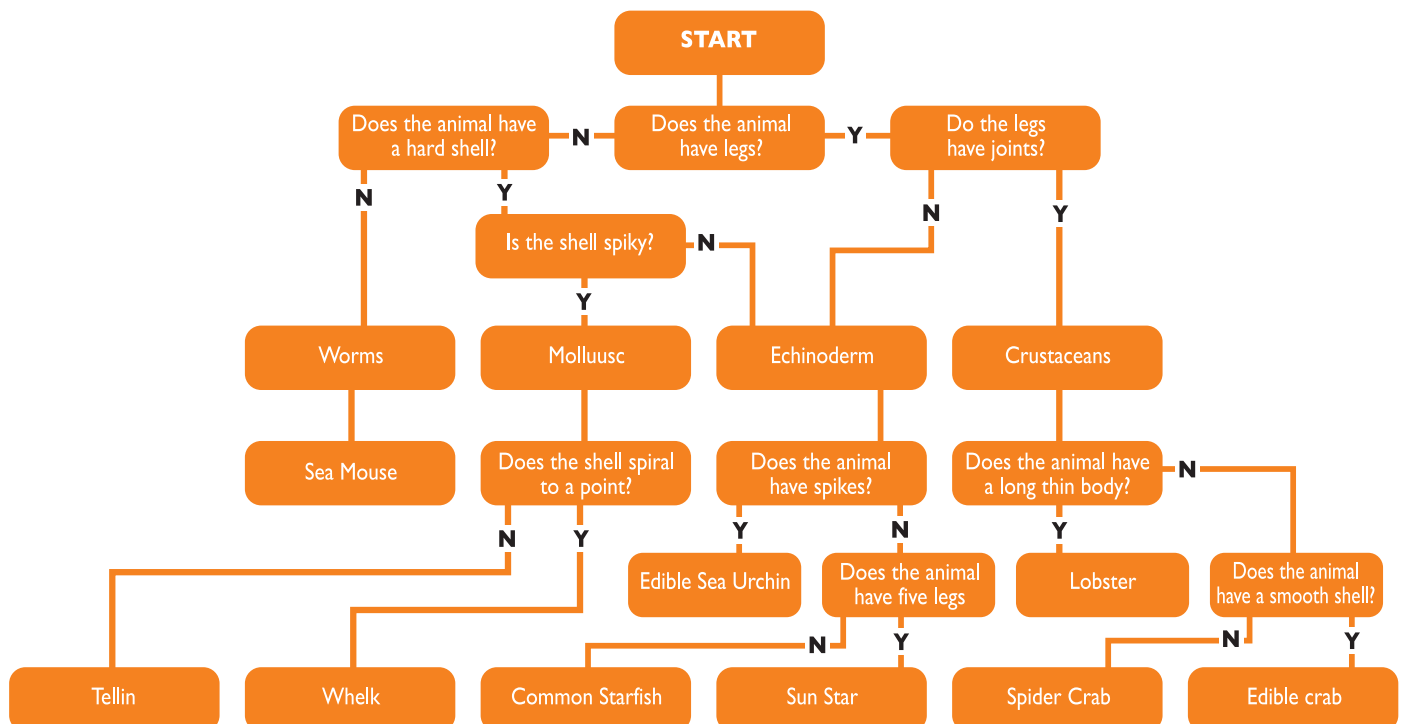
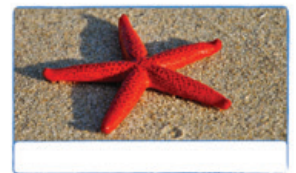
Sharks skeletons are not made out of bone, they are made out of cartilage, like the bendy bit in your nose!

Classification & Variation

Worksheet 8: Name the Animal

Here are a few of the weirder looking creatures under the sea. Can you work out what they are? Look at the pictures of the animals below.

- ★ Use the key provided to find out what they are.
- ★ Start at the beginning and answer each question until you reach the name of an animal.
- ★ Put the correct name in the box under each animal.



Wow Fact

The Horseshoe Crab is more closely related to a spider than a crab!

Classification & Variation

Worksheet 9: Count the Species

Look at the picture below and see how many different types of animals you can see. Make a list of all of the animals names which you know.



List:

Imagine the animal which...


So, you can spot a sea creature by its picture. But can you figure it out by words alone? Read the description below and then draw a picture of how you think that animal should look. You could also give your animal a name.

Description

This animal has short fur all over its body. It has a long flat beak which it uses for digging in the mud and a poisonous spike on one of its feet. This animal is an excellent swimmer which can use flaps to cover its eyes and nostrils while it is underwater. It uses an electrical field to help it find its food. It has a big tail which it uses to store fat.


Food Chains

Worksheet 10: Connecting the Food Chain



THE SUN
The sun's light provides energy for plants to grow.

Consumed by:
Phytoplankton



PHYTOPLANKTON
(Plant Plankton)
These are tiny plants which live in the water.

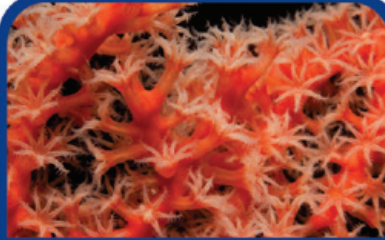
Consumes:
Sunlight

Consumed by:
Zooplankton



BLUE WHALE
These are the biggest animals in the sea. Nothing consumes Blue Whales so they are top of their food chain.

Consumes:
Zooplankton



ZOOPLANKTON
(Animal Plankton)
These are the smallest animals which live in the sea.

Consumes:
Phytoplankton

Consumed by:
Blue Whale

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ZOOPLANKTON

(Animal Plankton)

These are the smallest animals which live in the sea.

Consumes:
Phytoplankton

Consumed by:
Jellyfish



JELLYFISH

Jellyfish can be found in every ocean in the world. Their bodies are made of more than 90% water.

Consumes:
Phytoplankton

Consumed by:
Loggerhead Turtle



LOGGERHEAD TURTLE

The Loggerhead Turtle is a large yellow shelled turtle which lives in oceans around the world.

Consumes:
Jellyfish

Consumed by:
Tiger Shark



TIGER SHARK

Tiger Sharks are ferocious predators which live in warm waters around the tropics.

Consumes:
Loggerhead Turtles

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Sunlight

Consumed by:
Zooplankton



ZOOPLANKTON

(Animal Plankton)

These are the smallest animals which live in the sea.

Consumes:
Phytoplankton

Consumed by:
Herring



HERRING

Herring is a small oily fish which lives in Northern waters

Consumes:
Zooplankton

Consumed by:
Seals



SEALS

Seals are large animals with flippers. They live in cold water and give birth to their babies in ice shelves.

Consumes:
Herring

Food Chains

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Consumed by:
Phytoplankton



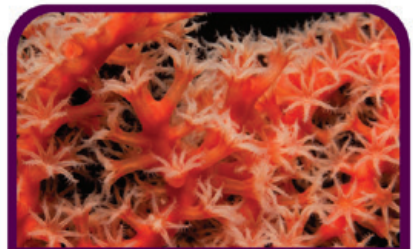
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(Plant Plankton)

These are tiny plants which live in the water.

Consumes:
Sunlight

Consumed by:
Zooplankton



ZOOPLANKTON

(Animal Plankton)

These are the smallest animals which live in the sea.

Consumes:
Phytoplankton

Consumed by:
Mackerel



MACKEREL

Mackerel are a small, oily fish which live throughout the world's oceans. They often live in huge groups called shoals.

Consumes:
Zooplankton

Consumed by:
Seals



SEALS

Seals are large animals with flippers. They live in cold water and give birth to their babies in ice shelves.

Consumes:
Mackerel

Consumed by:
Sharks



SHARK

Sharks are large fast predators which live in coastal areas around the world.

Consumes:
Seals

Food Chains

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THE SUN

The sun's light provides energy for plants to grow.

Consumed by:
Phytoplankton



PHYTOPLANKTON

(Plant Plankton)

These are tiny plants which live in the water.

Consumes:
Sunlight

Consumed by:
Zooplankton



ZOOPLANKTON

(Animal Plankton)

These are the smallest animals which live in the sea.

Consumes:
Phytoplankton

Consumed by:
Crabs



CRABS

Crabs live on the bottom of the ocean.

Consumes:
Zooplankton

Consumed by:
Octopus



OCTOPUS

Octopus have four pairs of arms and three hearts. They move around by walking on their arms or by blowing out jets of water to swim.

Consumes:
Crabs

Consumed by:
Sea Otters



SEA OTTERS

Sea otters are the smallest mammals which live in the sea. They are an endangered species.

Consumes:
Octopus

Food Chains

Worksheet 11- Your Food Chain

Wow Fact
To feed all of the 6,500 creatures in a Sealife Centre for one day it takes: 6kg mackerel, 50kg squid, 3kg frozen mysis, 3kg frozen krill, 1kg Sand Eel and 1kg crab.

What about the food chains in your life, as well as the ones under the sea?

- ★ Look at the three foods shown below.
- ★ Using the words listed in the box, complete the food chain for each of these foods.
- ★ Remember to include humans in the food chain.



Hamburger



Tuna Steak



Salmon



Grass Cow Human Cod Squid Tuna Plankton Small Fish Salmon

Now think of a meal which you have eaten recently and make a food chain for one of the ingredients.

Wow Fact

The Blue Whale, which is the largest animal on Earth, survives by eating some of the smallest creatures on Earth, plankton

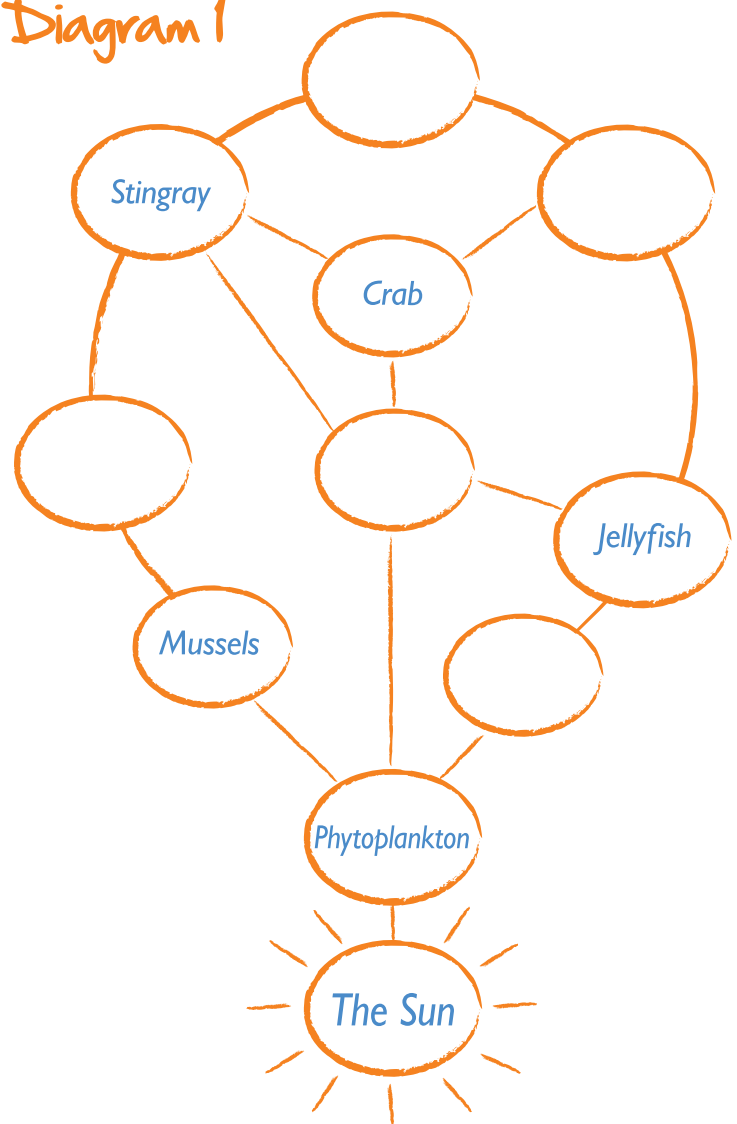
Food Chains

Worksheet 12- What's in the Web?

Most animals have more than one thing they like to eat – and more than one thing that likes to eat them too.

- ★ Food webs can be used to show more complicated food chains.
- ★ They can show that most animals eat more than one type of food and that some can have more than one predator.
- ★ Look at the information below and complete the food web template in Diagram 1.

Diagram 1



Tiger Sharks eat stingrays and Sea Turtles

Sea Turtles eat jellyfish and crab

Stingrays eat starfish, shrimp and crabs

Crabs eat shrimp

Jellyfish eat shrimp and zooplankton

Starfish eat mussels

Mussels eat phytoplankton

Zooplankton eat phytoplankton

Shrimps eat phytoplankton

Phytoplankton consumes sunlight

Wow Fact

A seal can have a layer of blubber up to two inches thick to help protect it from the cold conditions in which it lives.

Adaptation Worksheet 13- Where do I Live?

Look at the pictures of animals and environments below.

- ★ Decide which environment you think each animal lives in and draw a line to connect it to that environment.
- ★ Write underneath why you think that animal is especially suited to that environment. Remember to look carefully!

Common Seal



Clownfish



Tuna



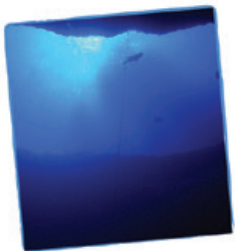
Starfish



Anglerfish



Crab



Open Ocean



Coral Reef



Mussel Beds



Rocky Shore



Seabed



Sand Bank

Conservation Fact

There are fewer than 10,000 pairs of Humboldt Penguins in the world.

Adaptation

Worksheet 14: The Humbolt Penguin

The Humboldt Penguin lives mostly on rocky shores near cliffs or on islands along the coasts of Chile and Peru. Chile and Peru are countries in South America. Although Humboldt Penguins live in fairly warm regions, the ocean waters can get very cold indeed!

- ★ Look at Diagram 1 which shows a Humboldt Penguin.
- ★ Read the explanations of each of the penguin's adaptations.
- ★ Work out which body part is being described and write the correct letter next to each of the labels on the diagram.

A - Wings

Penguins don't fly. However, these are strong and stiff and have adapted to help the penguin swim underwater. When they are standing on land, on a hot day, they may even spread them away from their body to help them cool down.

B - Feathers

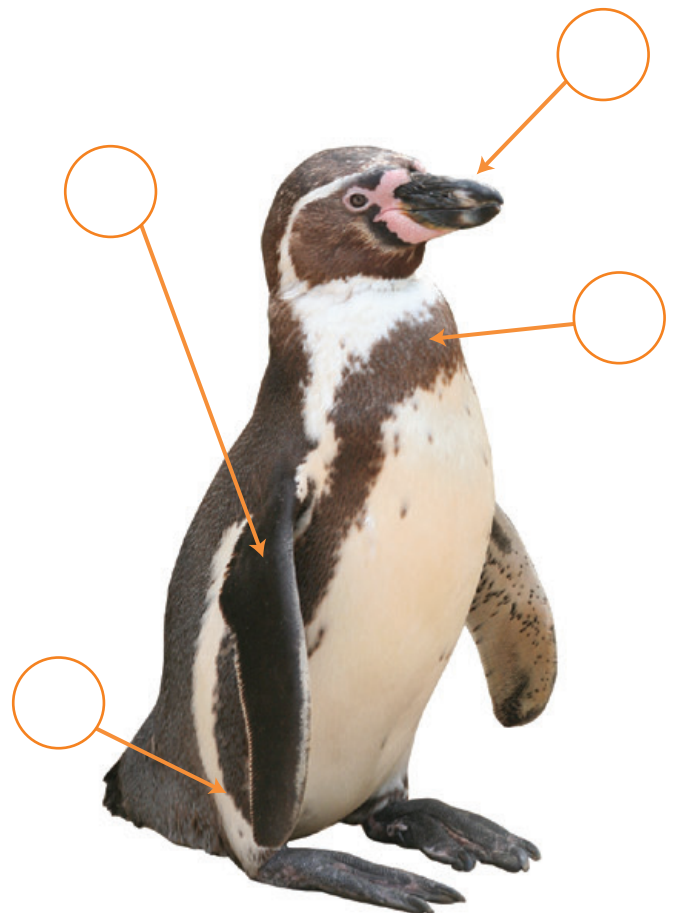
These are wind and water-proof and are made up of two parts. The soft and fluffy part traps air to help keep the penguin warm. But, on a hot day they might ruffle these to cool down. The ones that can be seen from the outside are stiff, small and packed closely together.

E - Beak

This is mainly used to catch food but is also used to groom feathers and as a weapon in penguin fights. Inside there are spiky spines pointed towards the throat that help in swallowing living food such as small fish.

F - Legs

Penguins have very short ones, which are used underwater for steering. On land, waddling seems to be the easiest way to walk.



Adaptation

Worksheet 15: A Day in the Life of...

Wow Fact

Seahorses can move each of their eyes independently so they can look forwards and backwards at the same time!

Can you imagine what it's like to be a completely different creature, in a completely different habitat?

- ★ Choose one of the animals listed below.
- ★ Write a short piece of imaginative writing about a day in that animal's life. You should explain how it makes good use of the adaptations listed.



Blacktip Reef Shark

The Blacktip Reef Shark has several rows of razor sharp teeth which they use to catch their prey.



Clownfish

The clownfish is immune to the poison of the sea anemone which it lives in. This helps them to avoid their predators.



Octopus

The octopus has eight legs with suckers on the underside. They use these suckers to help them walk around and to catch their food.

Adaptation

Worksheet 16: Save the Hammerhead

Wow Fact
More humans are likely to die from an encounter with a toaster than with a shark, yet 100 million sharks are killed by people every year!

Even scary sea creatures can come under threat – so we must all do our bit to protect them.

- ★ Read the article below.
- ★ As a class discuss what should be done to protect Hammerhead Sharks.
- ★ Design a poster to persuade people to help protect the Hammerhead Shark and its environment.

Shark News



Monthly News

Save the Hammerhead



The smooth Hammerhead Shark has adapted over millions of years to become incredibly efficient. It has a long flattened head which means its eyes are a long way apart. This allows it to keep a good look out for prey. The flattened head is also extremely streamlined and allows the shark to move through the water easily. They have many rows of teeth and once one row fall out the next row will move forward. This supply of teeth is never ending and ensures the Hammerhead can catch and eat its prey.

But this amazing animal has come under increasing threat from human activity and its numbers are getting lower and lower. Shark fin soup is a delicacy in Japan and China and more sharks are being hunted to meet the demand for this soup. Often the rest of the body is thrown away and just the fin (which is tasteless) is kept for food. Industrial fishing with big nets also has a damaging effect on sharks, with many being caught and killed by mistake while ships are fishing for other animals.

Humans are also damaging the Hammerhead Shark's environment through global warming. The shark has adapted over millions of years to live in waters of a specific temperature. Human's over use of fossil fuels and destruction of forests has meant that the world, and the oceans, are starting to become warmer very quickly. This quick change in the shark's habitat could have very serious consequences for Hammerhead Sharks as their prey may start to die off or move to different areas.

