



Jellyfish —

Mysterious Animals of the Sea

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A jellyfish is a strange and beautiful **animal** that lives in the **sea**. It does not have bones inside its **body**. A jellyfish's soft body is almost see-through, like clear jelly. A jellyfish can be very small, or it can be as big as a person! You can find jellyfish in oceans all around the world, from warm, sunny water to cold, deep water.

A jellyfish has a round **body** shaped like an umbrella. This **shape** helps the jellyfish float in the water. Long arms called tentacles hang down from the jellyfish. It uses these tentacles to **touch** the water around it and to find food.

Some jellyfish tentacles can **hurt** you if you touch them. These jellyfish are **dangerous** because their tentacles can sting. A sting from some kinds of jellyfish can hurt a person a lot, so swimmers must be careful in the sea.

A jellyfish does not swim fast. It cannot **move** far on its own. Instead, the jellyfish lets the ocean water push it along. A jellyfish can also squeeze its soft body to move slowly through the water.

Jellyfish often **move** together in a big **group** called a swarm. A swarm can have hundreds of jellyfish floating together! Jellyfish use their tentacles to **catch** small fish and other tiny **animals** to eat. Learning about jellyfish helps us understand and respect the ocean.

A. Vocabulary

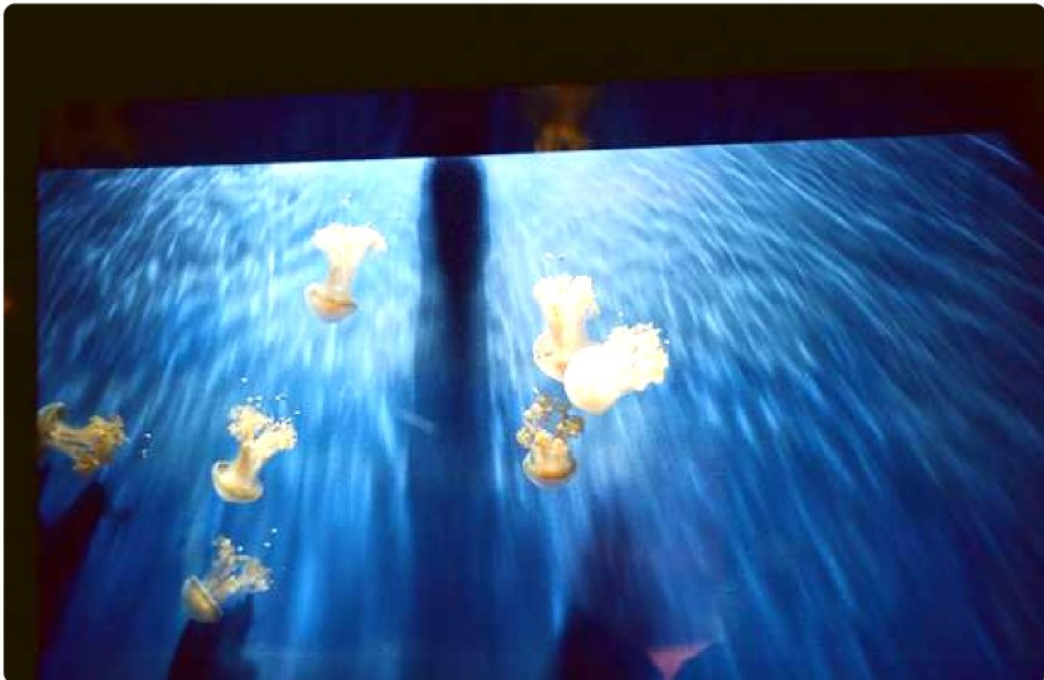
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| 1. animal ____ | a. able to cause harm or injury |
| 2. sea ____ | b. to put your hand or body against something |
| 3. body ____ | c. a number of people or animals together |
| 4. shape ____ | d. to take hold of something that is moving |
| 5. touch ____ | e. the whole physical form of a person or animal |
| 6. hurt ____ | f. the outside form of something |
| 7. dangerous ____ | g. to cause pain to someone or something |
| 8. move ____ | h. to change position or go from one place to another |
| 9. group ____ | i. a living thing that can move; not a plant |

10. catch ____ j. the salty water that covers most of the Earth



B. True or False

1. A jellyfish is an animal that lives in the sea. ____
2. A jellyfish has hard bones inside its body. ____
3. A jellyfish's body is shaped like an umbrella. ____
4. A jellyfish uses its tentacles to touch the water and find food. ____
5. All jellyfish stings feel nice and never hurt. ____
6. Some jellyfish are dangerous because their tentacles can sting. ____
7. A jellyfish can swim very fast on its own. ____
8. The ocean water helps push a jellyfish along. ____
9. Jellyfish always swim alone and never gather in groups. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: dangerous, hurt, group, move, catch

1. Some jellyfish are _____ because their sting can hurt people.
2. A jellyfish sting can _____ if you touch it.
3. Many jellyfish floating together are called a _____.
4. A jellyfish cannot _____ far on its own; the ocean water pushes it.
5. A jellyfish uses its tentacles to _____ small fish to eat.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. What does a jellyfish look like?
2. How does a jellyfish use its tentacles?
3. Why are some jellyfish dangerous?
4. How does a jellyfish move through the water?
5. What is a group of jellyfish called, and what does it look like?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen a jellyfish at the beach, in an aquarium, or in a picture?
What did you think?
2. Why do you think it is important for swimmers to know which jellyfish are dangerous?
3. If you could ask a jellyfish one question, what would you ask?



Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-dangerous, 2-hurt, 3-group, 4-move, 5-catch

D. Comprehension:

1. A jellyfish has a soft, see-through body shaped like an umbrella, with long tentacles hanging down.
2. A jellyfish uses its tentacles to touch the water, find food, and catch small fish and other animals.
3. Some jellyfish are dangerous because their tentacles can sting, and the sting can hurt a person.
4. A jellyfish cannot move far on its own; it lets the ocean water push it, and it can squeeze its body to move slowly.
5. A group of jellyfish is called a swarm, and it can have hundreds of jellyfish floating together.