

An Octopus Is Amazing

Name _____ Date _____

1. What kind of body does an octopus have?

2. What does an octopus do to hide from its enemies?

3. Do you think an octopus is just a safe in its den as a clam is in its shell? Why or why not?

4. How does an octopus capture its food?

5. Why does the octopus squirt its prey with poison?

6. What does an octopus use its siphon for?

7. Do you think an octopus is a clever animal? Why or why not?

8. What does an octopus do when it sees a moray eel?

9. List at three new things you learned about an octopus from this selection.

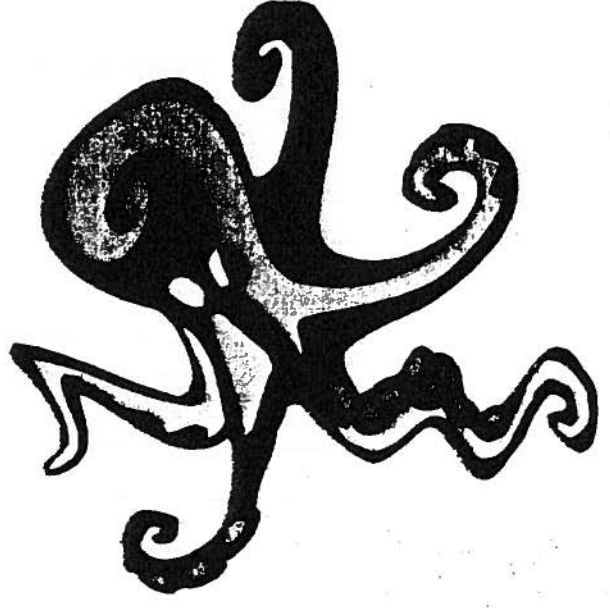
10. Does the author clearly describe what makes an octopus amazing? Tell why or why not?

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Daily Oral Language

Name _____ Date _____

1. i sor a smawl octopus
2. it was the size of a soccer bal
3. it have only sevin arms now
4. how did the arm fol off
5. the octopus has a fight last week



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K X X A F U S L P P J B O Z D
Z T L A W R Y Q L Q H Q X E A
C U I P Z O A T D A M I W Y C
K B K H Y B Z C P K B A Y O G
L L A B T E K S A B N E U W X
V L Z Z Z P S W Y G J G S S V
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Q A C O G A J V A M H Q W D B
O F S V T J H K W F W S K V V
H N U T W R G R F E C C T Z W
H I L C R A F A U C E T L V N
O A C K B A Y U L W F G U W Q
G R U J Y M W D W I V A A W Q
E K R L A W N P R W L D V B D
G K A X J A R O S L D G S K V

AWFUL
COUGH
FAUCET
LAWN
VAULT

BASEBALL
DAWN
GNAWED
RAINFALL
WALTZ

BASKETBALL
FALSE
HAUL
STRAW

14 of 14 words were placed into the puzzle.

Solution

I'M A LITTLE OCTOPUS

swish, swish,

Arm #1 goes swish, swish, swish,

(swing arms back and forth)

Arm #2 helps me catch fish,

(wiggle hand back and forth)

Arm #3 pats my head,

(pat hand on head)

Arm #4 makes sure I'm fed,

(put hand to mouth)

Arm #5 swims me to shore,

(put hand to mouth)

Arm #6 touches the ocean floor,

(move arms back and forth in swimming motion)

Arm #7 can grab and tug,

(touch hand to floor)

Arm #8 can give me a hug!

(open and close hand)

But all eight arms give me a hug!

(cross arms and hug yourself)

WHAT WOULD YOU HUG IF
YOU HAD EIGHT ARMS LIKE AN OCTOPUS?



Question



Answer

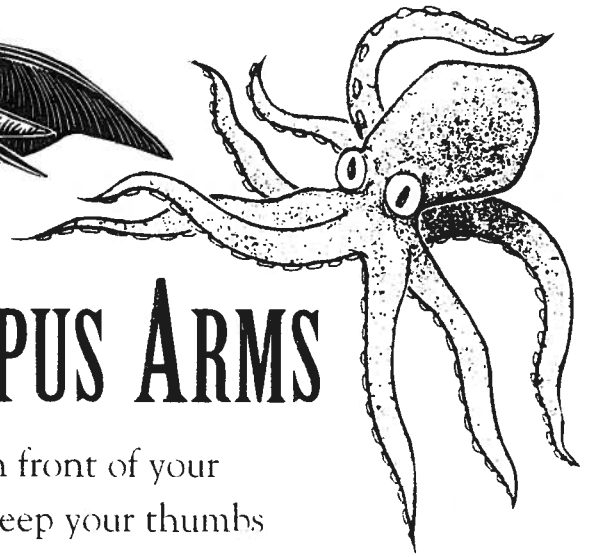
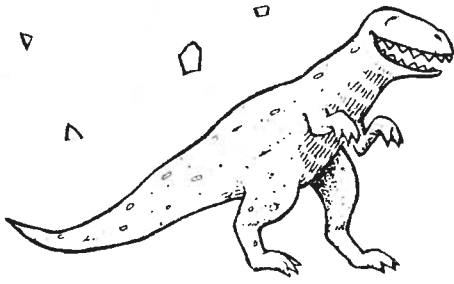
WHY DOES AN OCTOPUS
HAVE INK? DOES IT
WRITE LETTERS?

No, even with eight arms, octopuses don't write letters. An octopus uses the "ink" to protect itself. When it senses that danger is near, it squirts out a black inky liquid, then quickly escapes through the murky water.

Look through a clear glass of water.

Now add a few drops of black tempera paint to the water. Which way is harder to see through the glass?





EIGHT OCTOPUS ARMS



Begin with your two hands in fists in front of your face, with your fingers facing out. Keep your thumbs interlocked as you say all the words.



Two octopus arms as long as they can be

Wave your two pointer fingers.



Four octopus arms as rubbery as can be

Wave your two pointer fingers and two middle fingers.



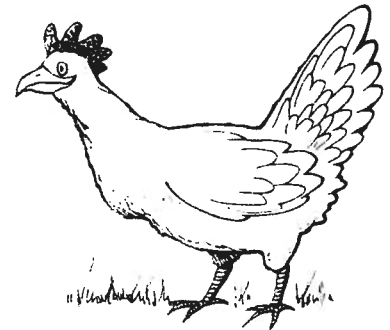
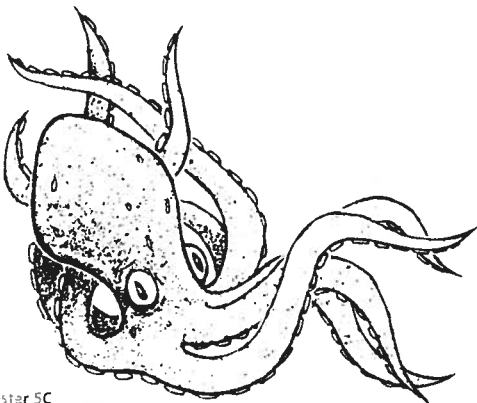
Six octopus arms as sticky as can be

Wave your two pointer fingers, two middle fingers, and two ring fingers.



**Eight octopus arms as long, rubbery, and sticky as can be
All help an octopus swim in the sea!**

Wave all eight fingers but keep your thumbs connected as you make the octopus swim in the air.



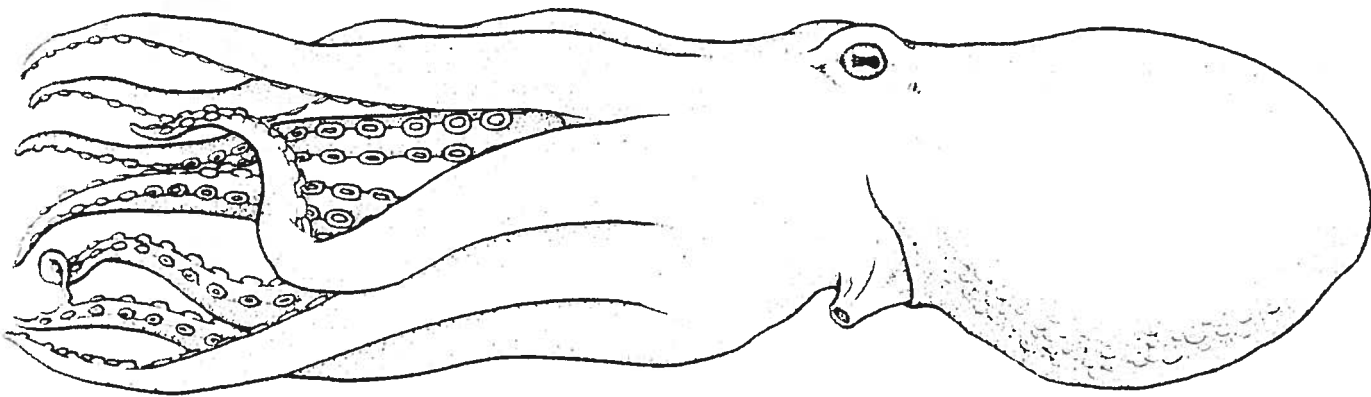


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It's Amazing!

Write words in the blanks to finish the newspaper article.

New Facts About the _____



People have found out many facts about the octopus. Every octopus lives _____ in a den. An octopus can change _____ to match its surroundings. It can catch and hold food with the _____ on its arms.

An octopus can jet through the sea by drawing in _____

and shooting it out through its siphon. If an enemy tears off an octopus's arm, the arm _____. A female octopus weaves strings of _____ and hangs them in her den.

Octopuses also show signs of _____ by being able to solve problems. Really, an octopus is amazing!



Name _____

Fact or Opinion?

Write **Fact** if the sentence can be proved. Write **Opinion** if the sentence tells what someone feels or believes.

- 1 An octopus spends its life alone. _____
- 2 It would be very lonely to be an octopus. _____
- 3 An octopus has no backbone. _____
- 4 I believe that the blue-ringed octopus is the most beautiful octopus of all. _____
- 5 I don't think I would ever like to see an octopus swimming next to me. _____
- 6 An octopus eats crabs and lobsters. _____

Now write one fact and one opinion about an octopus.

7 Fact: _____

8 Opinion: _____



It's Amazing All Right!

What is so amazing about an octopus? Think about some of the things you learned in the story. Choose a way to share your ideas.

- › Draw an octopus on a large piece of paper. Write an interesting fact on each arm.
- › Make a chart. List some facts about the octopus. Use a large sheet of paper or oak tag.

When an octopus loses an arm, it grows a new one.

