

Sea Creatures

Sea creatures come in all different shapes and sizes. In fact, there are still creatures in the depths of our oceans waiting to be discovered! Oceans are one of the most amazing habitats on Earth. Read on to find out more about a few animals that call it home.

Dugong

The dugong is a species of sea cow. It can be found throughout the warm areas of the Indian and western Pacific Oceans. It is the only member of the Dugongidae family, and its closest living relatives are the manatees. Dugongs can be quite large, reaching lengths of more than 4 metres and weighing more than 1,000 kilograms.

Blue-ringed Octopus

Put the words 'danger' and 'ocean' together and most people think sharks, crocodiles, even the ocean itself! But what if we asked you to look at something much smaller and much closer to home: The Blue-ringed Octopus.

At only 10cms long, these tiny critters are some of the ocean's most venomous inhabitants. They can be found off the beaches of Australia.

Great White Shark

Great Whites are big animals, reaching lengths of up to six metres and weighing up to 3,000 kg. When we look at them all we see are big mouths with lots of teeth. The reality is rather different. Great Whites have a gentle inquisitiveness, fantastic cruise control and are very impressive sea creatures. They are fast and strong and much more adept in the water than any human will ever be.



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Questions

1. Where can Blue-ringed Octopus be found?

2. Approximately how much does a dugong weigh? (Circle the correct answer)

10kg / 100kg / 1,000kg

3. Great Whites have a gentle inquisitiveness, fantastic cruise control and are very impressive sea creatures.

True / False

4. What does the word venomous mean?

5. Which oceans would you find the dugong swimming in?

6. The dugong is larger than the great white shark.

True / False