READY-TO-PRINT STUDENT HANDOUT

Ocean

Wonder. Solve. Create.

Students identify how ocean animals use body features and habitats to survive.

K-5 | Science | 35-60 minutes | No student accounts

INSIDE THIS HANDOUT

Vocabulary reference + two learning levels + 5 printable activities + certificate

One file. One click. One complete packet.

Print the whole handout, or choose only the pages you need in your printer settings. Every activity is designed for US Letter paper.

VOCABULARY

Ocean words to know

Use these words before, during, and after play. Cut apart the boxes for matching cards or keep the page as a reference sheet.

Habitat

the place where a living thing gets what it needs

Gills

organs that take oxygen from water

Reef

a ridge where many sea creatures live

Adaptation

a feature or behavior that helps survival

Predator

an animal that hunts other animals

Prey

an animal hunted for food

Camouflage

colors or patterns that help an animal blend in

Plankton

tiny drifting organisms in water

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Current

water moving in one direction

School

a group of fish swimming together

Blubber

a thick layer of fat that keeps an animal warm

Echolocation

finding objects by listening to echoes

Filter Feeder

an animal that strains small food from water

Food Web

connected feeding relationships in a habitat

Coral

tiny animals that build reef colonies

Estuary

where river water mixes with ocean water

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Match the Ocean words

Write the letter of each meaning beside the correct word. Use the vocabulary bank if you need support.

Words	Meanings
1. Habitat _____	A. a feature or behavior that helps survival
2. Gills _____	B. an animal that hunts other animals
3. Reef _____	C. an animal hunted for food
4. Adaptation _____	D. colors or patterns that help an animal blend in
5. Predator _____	E. tiny drifting organisms in water
6. Prey _____	F. the place where a living thing gets what it needs
7. Camouflage _____	G. organs that take oxygen from water
8. Plankton _____	H. a ridge where many sea creatures live

TOPIC TRIVIA

Ocean knowledge check

Circle the best vocabulary answer. Then use evidence in the final written response.

1. Which word means: the place where a living thing gets what it needs?

A. plankton B. habitat C. predator

2. Which word means: organs that take oxygen from water?

A. adaptation B. reef C. gills

3. Which word means: a ridge where many sea creatures live?

A. gills B. reef C. adaptation

4. Which word means: a feature or behavior that helps survival?

A. adaptation B. habitat C. reef

5. Which word means: an animal that hunts other animals?

A. plankton B. predator C. reef

6. Which word means: an animal hunted for food?

A. gills B. prey C. plankton

Explain your thinking

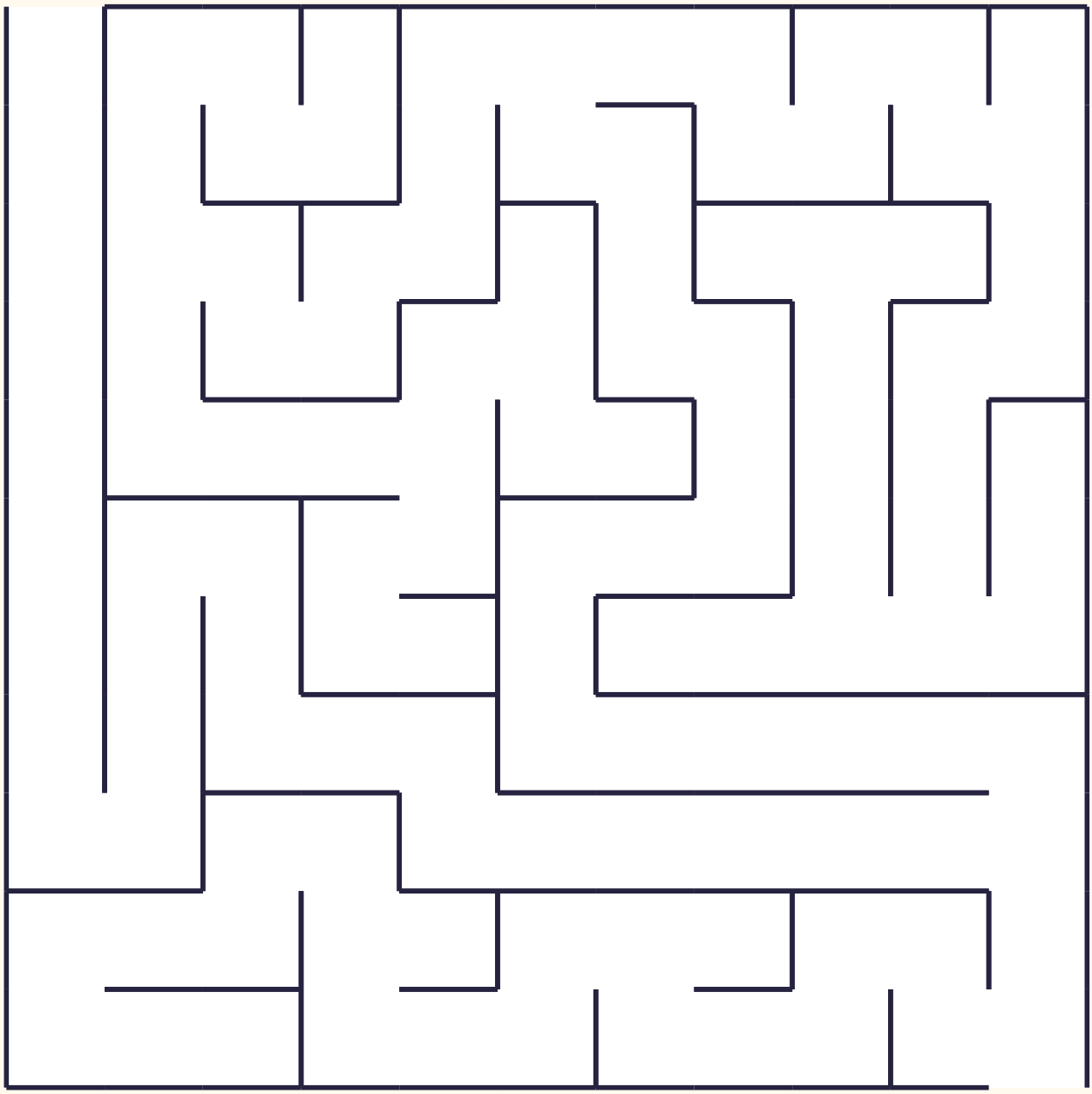
Name one ocean adaptation and explain how it helps an animal.

MAZE

Ocean Maze

Start in the upper-left corner. Travel through open passages to reach the lower-right corner.

START – ENTER HERE



Planning prompt: At each fork, look one turn ahead before choosing a path.

FINISH – EXIT HERE

WORD SEARCH

Shark Word Search

Find all ten words. Words may travel across, down, diagonally, and backwards.

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

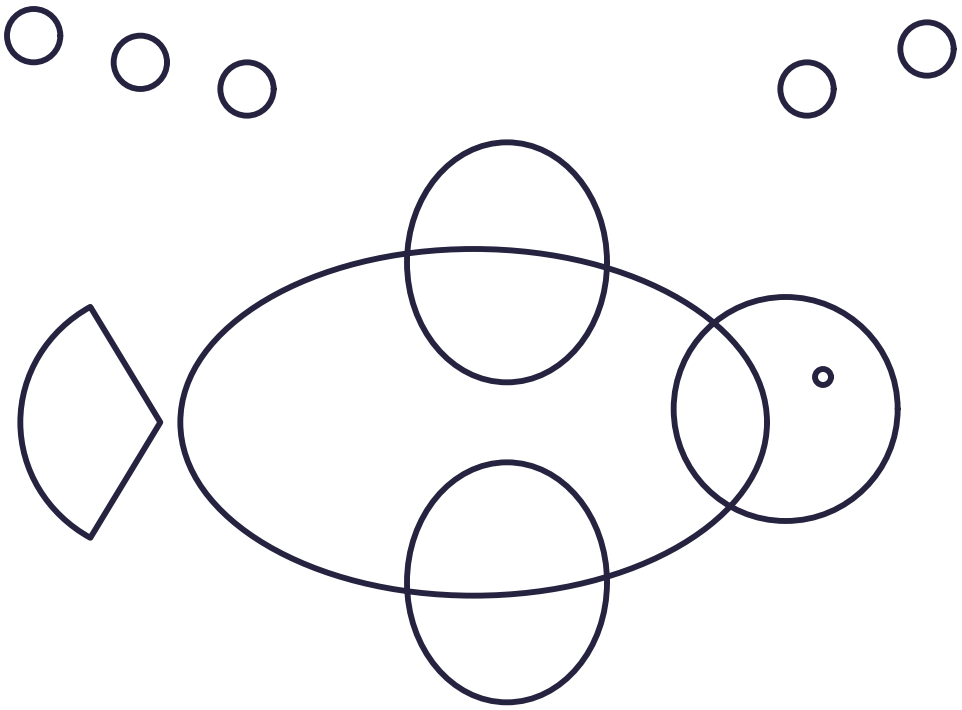
CURRENT OCTOPUS TURTLE SHARK GILLS

CORAL WHALE REEF KELP RAY

COLORING STUDIO

Ocean Coloring

Choose a limited palette, add habitat details, and label one feature using a vocabulary word.

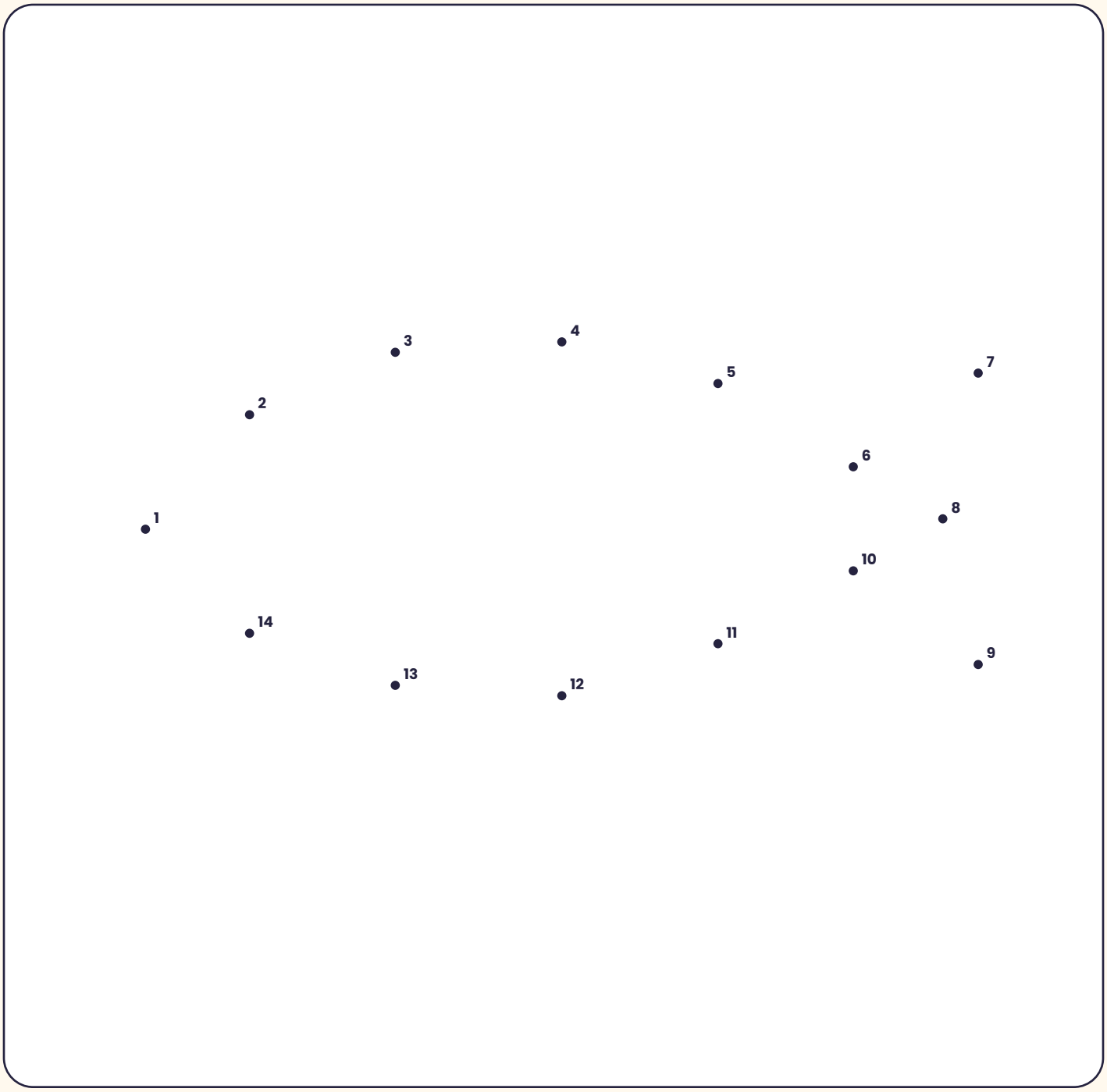


My vocabulary label: _____

CONNECT THE DOTS

Ocean Dot to Dot

Connect the numbers in order, then connect the last dot back to 1. Add details and color the picture.



WORD SEARCH

Coral Reef Word Search

Find all ten words. Words may travel across, down, diagonally, and backwards.

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

ANEMONE
CORAL
SPONGE
POLYP
TURTLE
GOBY
LAGOON
REEF
WRASSE
EEL

WONDERPLAY CLASSROOM ADVENTURE

Certificate of Curiosity

This certificate celebrates

_____

student name

for completing the Ocean classroom pack

Keep wondering. Keep exploring.

_____ WOW! _____

date teacher or grown-up