TEACHER GUIDE + ANSWER KEYS

Ocean

Plan it. Teach it. Check it.

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

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

INSIDE THIS GUIDE

Mini lesson + standards + 16-word vocabulary bank + every objective answer key

One file. One click. One complete packet.

Keep this guide with the adult copy. It contains teaching notes and answers for the separate student handout.

TEACHER GUIDE

Teach Ocean in three moves

A flexible mini lesson for a whole-group warm-up, center, substitute plan, or early-finisher extension.

1. Wonder

How does an animal's body help it live in the ocean?

2. Play + practise

Play one Wonderplay game together. Then complete one or more printable activities from this packet.

3. Explain

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

Quick success check

Listen for accurate vocabulary, one complete idea, and a detail connected to the activity.

Suggested sequence

1. 5 min - Ask the warm-up and collect two predictions.
2. 10 min - Project or share one online Wonderplay game.
3. 15-25 min - Choose a maze, word search, dot-to-dot, or coloring page.
4. 5 min - Revisit vocabulary and collect the exit ticket.

DIFFERENTIATION

Support: preview six vocabulary words and let partners solve one page together. Challenge: require three vocabulary words in the exit response, then ask students to design a new clue or question.

STANDARDS CONNECTIONS Connections: NGSS 1-LS1-1, 2-LS4-1, 3-LS4-2; CCSS RI.1-5.1

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

ANSWER KEY

Ocean Vocabulary Practice

Keep this page with the teacher copy. Student results may vary on creative activities.

1. Habitat - F

2. Gills - G

3. Reef - H

4. Adaptation - A

5. Predator - B

6. Prey - C

7. Camouflage - D

8. Plankton - E

ANSWER KEY

Ocean Knowledge Check

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1. B - Habitat

2. C - Gills

3. B - Reef

4. A - Adaptation

5. B - Predator

6. B - Prey

Written response: Accept accurate ideas supported by one detail from the game, printable, or vocabulary bank.

ANSWER KEY

Ocean Maze

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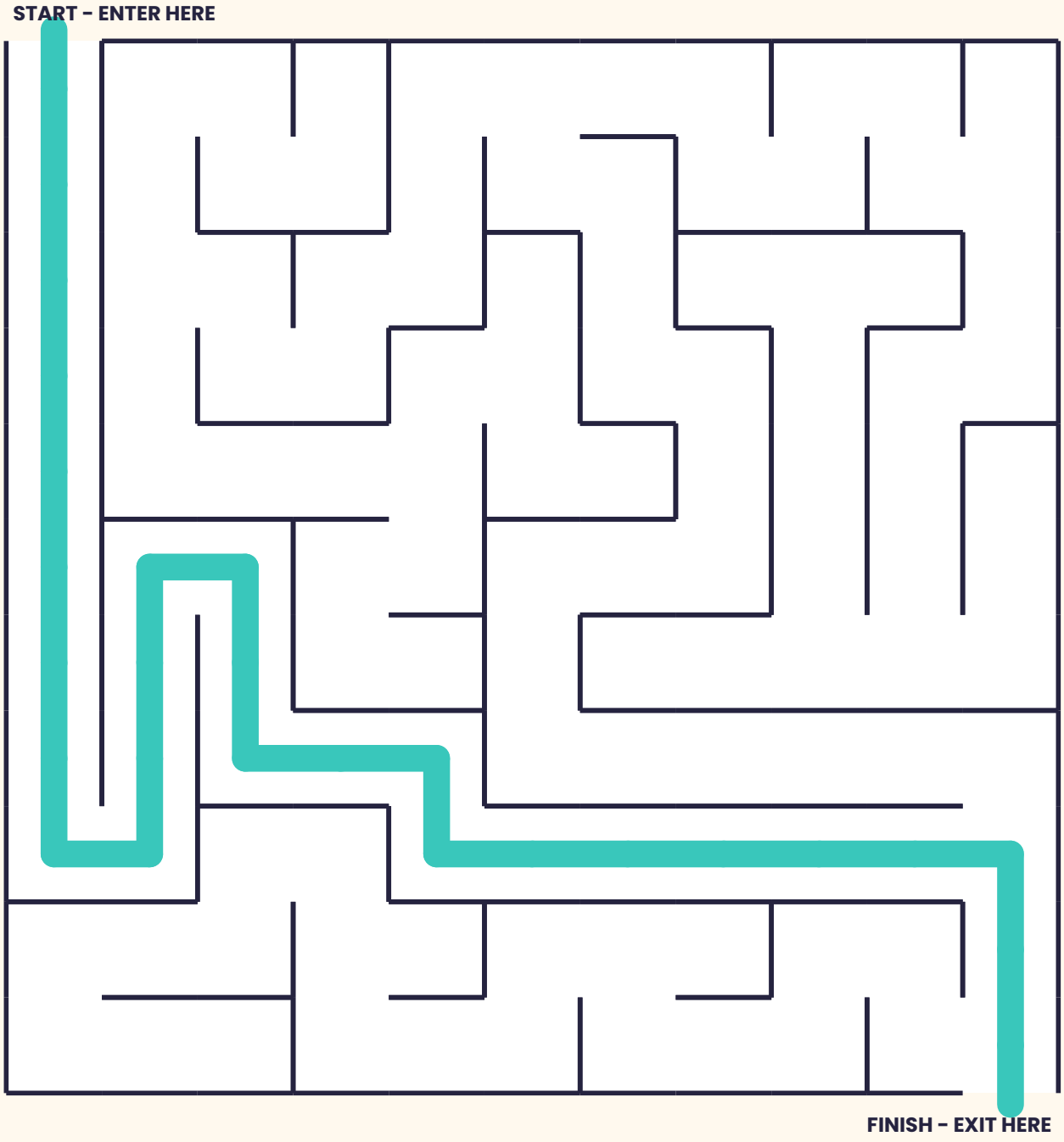

ANSWER KEY

Shark Word Search

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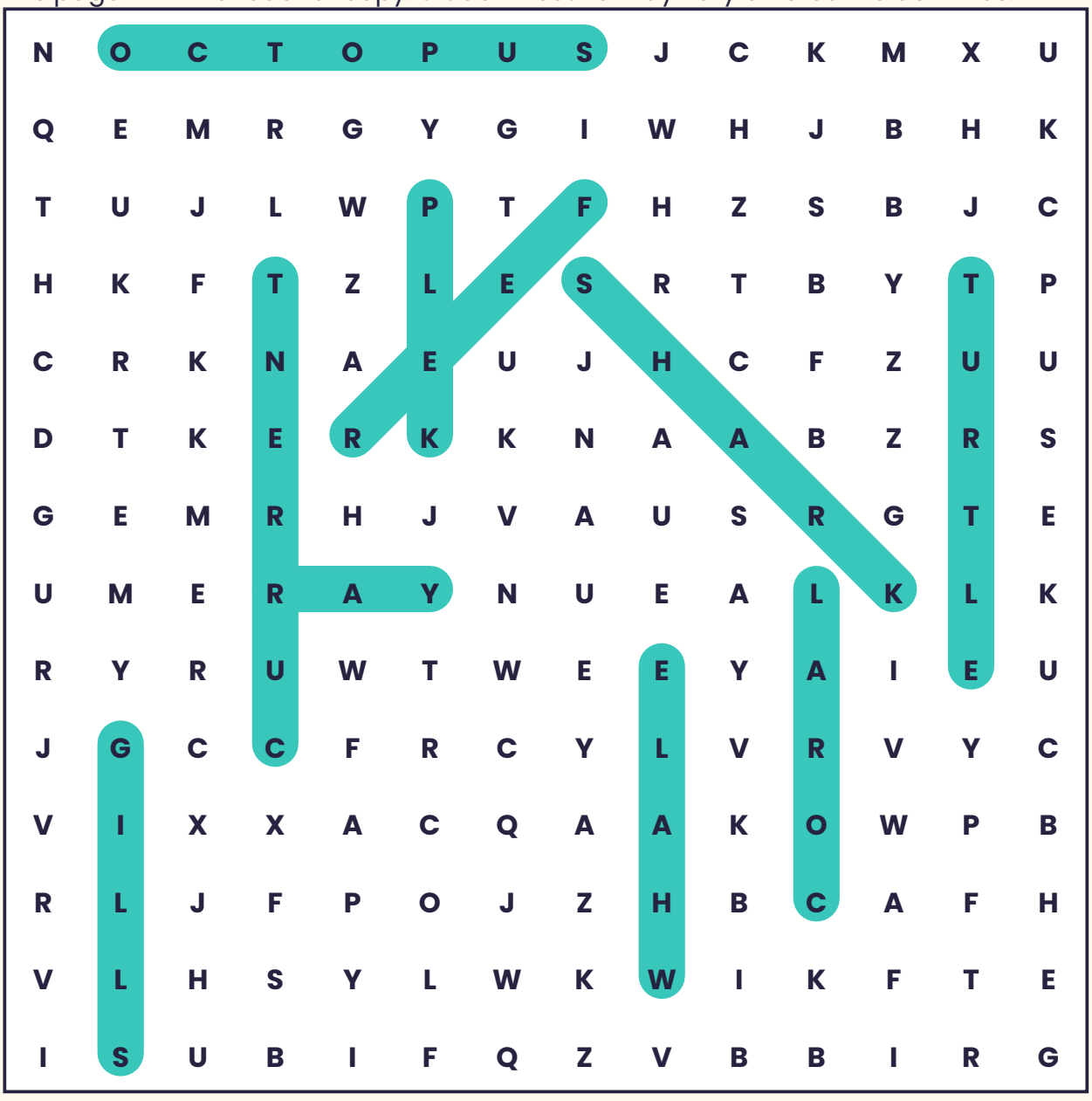

ANSWER KEY

Ocean Dot to Dot

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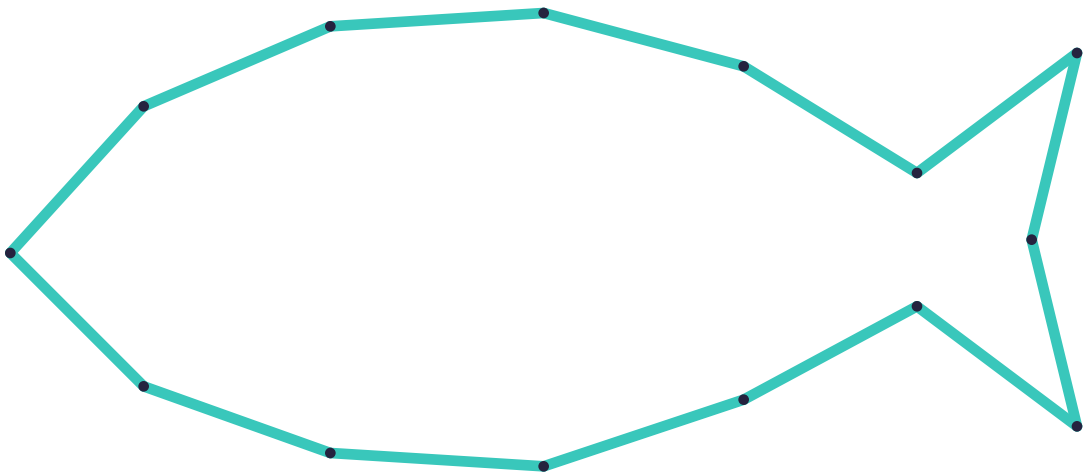

ANSWER KEY

Coral Reef Word Search

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