

An illustration of an underwater scene. The background is a dark blue gradient. Several tall, green, vertical seaweed-like plants are scattered throughout. In the upper left, three light blue jellyfish with long tentacles are floating. In the center, a large grey whale is swimming. To the right, a shark is swimming. In the lower right, a group of yellow fish is swimming. In the lower left, a red crab is visible. The bottom of the scene shows a sandy seabed with some coral and small blue fish.

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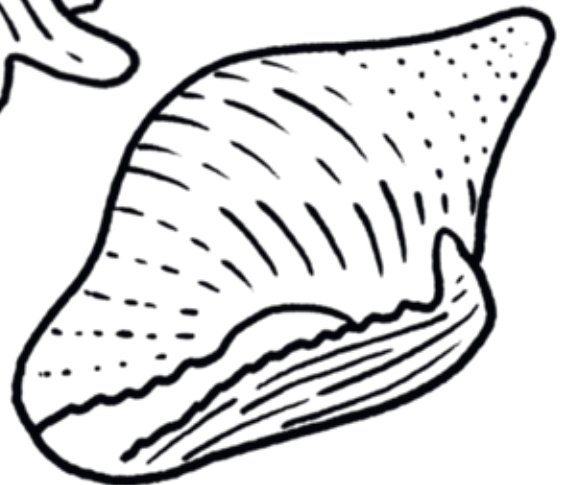
UNDER THE SEA

Today's theme is all about ocean critters! Seas are home to lots of types of life. There are lots of different sea critters like fish, crabs, algae, coral, whales, and many many more! Seas are important because they provide lots of important things for the planet. They provide things like air, food, and water!

Today's fun includes a shell coloring page, a craft to make your own fish puppet, and a brain buster to test your fishy knowledge!

Ex-Shell-ent Coloring

Herby and Hermey the hermit crabs are looking for new shells to call home. They don't know which shells they like the most! Color in the different types of shells to help Herby and Hermey choose!



Handprint Fish Puppets

The sea is home to lots and lots of fish. The sea is home to over 3.5 trillion (3,500,000,000,000) fish! Fish come in every shape, size, color, and pattern you can imagine! Some fish, like the seahorse or the sunfish, don't even look like fish! Follow the instructions below to make your own fish that is as unique as you are!

MATERIALS



PAPER



MARKER



SCISSORS



GLUE



POPSICLE
STICK



CRAYONS &
COLORED PENCILS

INSTRUCTIONS



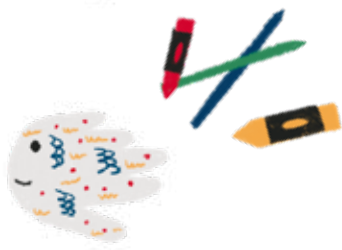
Place your hand on a piece of paper. Trace the outline of your hand with the marker.



Cut out the hand from the paper using the scissors.



Draw the fish's eye and mouth on the base of the hand outline (not the side with the fingers).



Decorate your fish with the
crayons and colored pencils.

Glue the fish onto a popsicle stick.



FAST FACT

There are over 15,000
different species of fish
that live in the sea!

KEEP IT GOING!

**Experiment
decorating your
fish with different
materials like
pompoms, string,
cotton balls,
and sequins.**

Repeat steps 1-5 until you have
enough fish puppets to put on
a show!



**Also experiment
tracing your family's
hands to make fish
of all different sizes.**

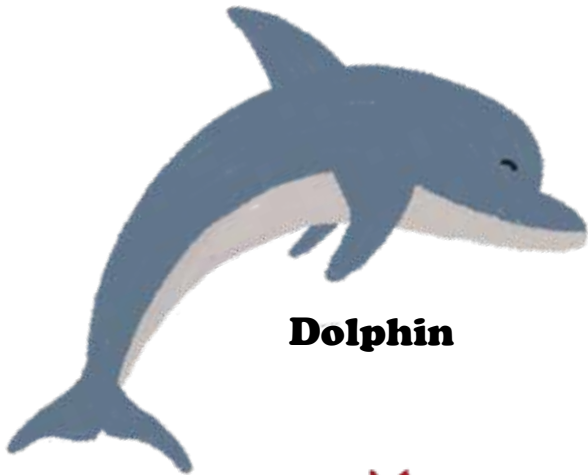
PUT ON A SHOW!

Use your new puppets to put on an ocean themed puppet show!

Write a script or make up the lines as you go! You can even
recreate your favorite movies like Finding Dory, Shark Tale, and
Finding Nemo!

Something's Fishy

There are a lot of different animals in the ocean.
But not all of these animals are fish! Test out your smarts and identify which of
the animals below are fish. Circle all of the animals that are fish.
Check your answers on the last page!



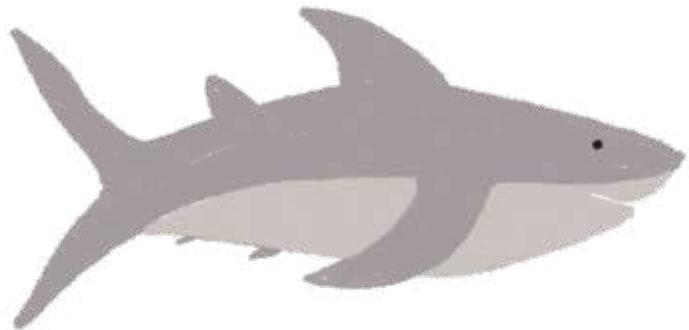
Dolphin



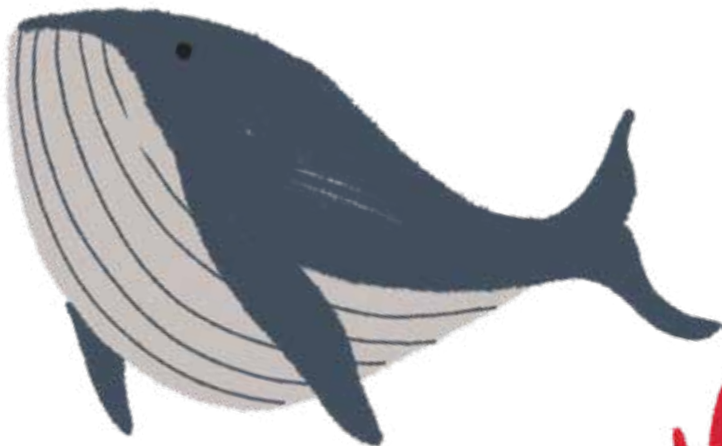
Stingray



Seahorse



Shark



Whale



Starfish



Octopus

Something's Fishy Answers

The animals that are fish include: Stingray, Seahorse, and Shark.

The animals that are not fish include: Whale, Dolphin, Starfish, and Octopus.



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