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# Underwater Creatures Part 1

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

The ocean is home to many fascinating animals. Let's take a look at some of them!



Dolphins are incredible marine animals known for their playful behavior and intelligence. They are mammals, which means they give birth to live babies and nurse them with milk. Dolphins have smooth skin and a streamlined body, which helps them swim fast through the water. They communicate with each other using clicks, whistles, and



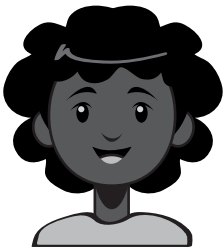
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made of calcium carbonate. Coral reefs are important because they provide shelter and food for many fish and other marine animals. They are like underwater cities bustling with life. It's important to protect coral reefs because they are vulnerable to pollution and climate change.

Sharks are often thought of as fearsome predators, but they are important creatures in the ocean's ecosystem. They have a streamlined body and powerful jaws filled with sharp teeth. Sharks have an incredible sense of smell that helps them find their prey, even from far away. Some sharks can grow to be very large, while others are much smaller. Despite their reputation, most sharks are not



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## Underwater Creatures Part 2

dangerous to humans and usually prefer to eat smaller fish and marine animals.

Seahorses are unique creatures that live in the ocean. They have a head that looks like a horse and a long, curled tail. Unlike most fish, seahorses don't have scales. Instead, they have a bony exoskeleton that helps protect them. Seahorses are not strong swimmers and rely on their curled tail to hold onto seaweed or other objects in the water. The males are responsible for carrying the eggs and giving

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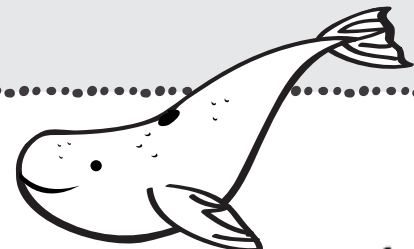
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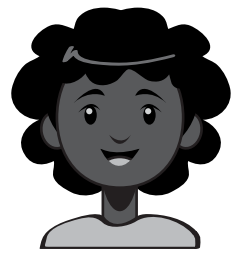
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Turtles are reptiles that live both on land and in the water. They have a hard shell that protects their body. Turtles lay eggs on land, and the baby turtles hatch from the eggs and make their way to the ocean. They are excellent swimmers and use their strong flippers to glide through the water. Turtles can live for a long time, with some species living over a hundred years. Unfortunately, turtles are at risk due to pollution and habitat destruction.





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## Part 3



Comprehension Questions:

1. What are some characteristics of whales?

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2. How do jellyfish capture their food?

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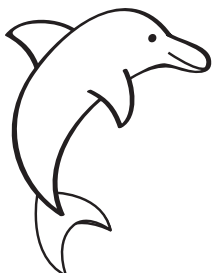
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5. How do dolphins communicate with each other?

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1. Whales are the largest animals on Earth, have a thick layer of blubber, and use songs to communicate.
2. Jellyfish capture their food using tiny stinging cells on their tentacles.
3. Seahorses have a bony external skeleton and the males carry and give birth to the babies.
4. Coral reefs are structures built by tiny animals called polyps, and they provide homes and food for many marine animals.
5. Dolphins communicate with each other using clicks, whistles, and body movements.

Answer Key:

