Beneath the Waves: A Marine Life Quiz

To be used with your Marine Life Guide. Happy exploring - all the answers are waiting to be discovered!

Finding your sea legs! (Easier round)

Q1. Which jellyfish has a translucent bell with four purple rings at its centre?

A:

Q2. What is the maximum size of the world's second-largest fish, the Basking Shark?

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Q3. Which crab is known as the 'devil crab' for its feisty and aggressive behaviour?

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Q4. Which flatfish is easily identified by its bright orange spots?

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Q5. The Portuguese man o' war has a gas-filled float and what coloured tentacles?

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Q6. What is the distinctive shape of a Common Cuttlefish's pupils?

A:

Q7. What is the unique defensive strategy of the Sea Cucumber when threatened?

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Q8. Which fish has a dark spot on its side that, according to legend, is Saint Peter's fingerprint?

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Q9. Which surface-dwelling fish is known for having unusually bright green bones?

A:

Q10. The powerful Bluefin Tuna can sprint at speeds over how many miles per hour?

A:

Q11. Which shark has a long, whip-like tail that can equal its body length?

A:

Q12. Which small, silvery fish buries itself tailfirst in the sand when threatened?

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Q13. What is the common name for the crustacean Nephrops (Norway Lobster?)

A:

Q14. The Common Limpet grazes on algae and often returns to the same spot on a rock, leaving what behind?

A:

Q15. Which large crab has a pie-crust edged shell and black-tipped claws?

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Q16. Which small blue colonial animal has a sail and often washes ashore in fleets?

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Q17. How does a Whelk prey on bivalves like clams and mussels?

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Q18. How does a Spiny Lobster communicate?

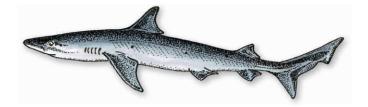
A:

Q19. Which shark is listed as Critically Endangered in UK waters?

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Q20. Which small fish can grip rocks even in pounding surf thanks to a suction disc?

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The Advanced Explorer Questions (Harder round)



Q1. Which ocean giant has no tail and basks at the surface to warm after deep dives?

A:

Q2. What is the term for an organism that is fixed in one place and unable to move, such as a mussel or barnacle?

A:

The guide describes the behaviour of **Q3**. Common Hermit Crabs forming "vacancy chains". What is this?

A:

A: "detritivore" plays a crucial role as a Q4. marine recycler. What does it feed on?

A:

What term describes the habitat of a **Q5**. creature living in the open water column, away from the seabed?

A:

Which mollusc is declining due to **Q6**. overfishing, disease and competition from invasive species?

A:

An animal described as "cryptic" has what **Q7**. characteristic?

A:

Q8. According to the guide, what is the main purpose of using a two-part scientific name for every creature?

A:

Q9. Which plankton species is one of the most abundant in the oceans, forming vast blooms, seen from space?

A:

What is the term for a fish that hatches in Q10. rivers, matures at sea, and returns to freshwater to spawn?

A:

Q11. Which sleek fish never stops swimming because it lacks a swim bladder?

A:

Q12. What spectacular event do thousands of Spider Crabs undertake in the spring

A:

What deep-bodied fish is a 'simultaneous Q13. hermaphrodite', able to function as both male and female at the same time?

A:

Q14. In the scientific name Patella vulgata, (Common Limpet) what does the 2nd word, vulgata, identify?

A:

According to the guide, what is the key Q15. difference in the egg-brooding strategy between the Long-snouted Seahorse and the Snake Pipefish?

A:

Which tough-skinned fish has the ability Q16. to raise and lock its first dorsal spine for defence?

A:

Q17. The guide states that the Order for the European lobster is Decapoda. What does this name mean?

Which pelagic fish produces squeaks at Q18. night by releasing bubbles from its swim bladder?

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Q19. Which member of the cod family is one of the deepest-dwelling, and records depths beyond 1,000 metres?

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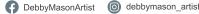
Q20. Which prehistoric fish is explicitly described as anadromous and faces near-extinction?

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