

OCEAN CREATURE REBUS PUZZLE

GRADES K-2

MATERIALS

Ocean Creature Rebus Puzzle printable worksheet (following page)
Pencil

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The ocean is a place of great mystery and interest. An estimated 50-80% of all life on earth is found under the ocean surface. The ocean constitutes over 90% of the world's habitable space. Places such as the Great Barrier Reef are hotspots of biodiversity, but also susceptible to environmental threats such as pollution. By some estimates, more than half of the world's marine species may stand on the brink of extinction by the year 2100. These activities will encourage your students to discover and appreciate the wonders of the oceans and the wealth of biodiversity found there!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Watch "The Ocean Blue" music video.
2. Tell the class they will have some fun sorting out some word puzzles based on the creatures named in the song.
3. Explain the concept of a "rebus." For example, in the phrase "I LOVE THE OCEAN BLUE," the words "I", "love", and "blue" could be replaced with pictures of an eye, a heart, and a blue shaded area, respectively.
4. Pass out Ocean Creature Rebus Puzzles and start solving!
5. Compare answers as a class when finished. Consider allowing students to make their own rebus puzzles for additional ocean creatures.

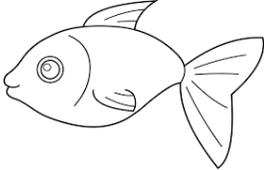
DEFINITION

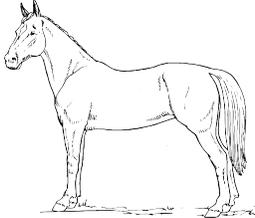
Rebus: A word puzzle with part of the word represented by a picture representing the missing sound.

OCEAN CREATURE REBUS PUZZLE

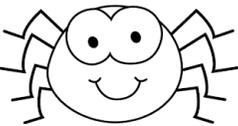
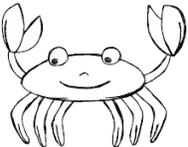
Name _____

There are so many living creatures in the ocean! Some look like plants but are really animals. Use the pictures to help you choose the word that names some of these sea creatures.

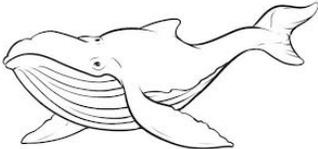
1. viper +  = _____

2. pygmy sea +  = _____

3.  + coral = _____

4. giant +  +  = _____

5.  + jellyfish = _____

6. beluga +  = _____

7.  + squid = _____

8.  + coral = _____

9.  + whale = _____

OCEAN CREATURE REBUS PUZZLE (ANSWER KEY)

1. viper fish
2. pygmy seahorse
3. broccoli coral
4. giant spider crab
5. moon jellyfish
6. beluga whale
7. vampire squid
8. mushroom coral
9. pilot whale