

Welcome to the Tennessee Aquarium! We hope you enjoy your visit today. Look closely at the animals, the graphics and the exhibits as you search for answers to the following questions. Good luck, and have fun exploring the Tennessee Aquarium!

## Ocean Journey

### Tropical Cove

1. Touch one of the stingrays carefully. What does it feel like? \_\_\_\_\_

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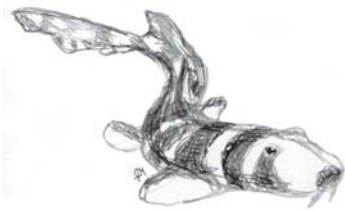
2. Name two kinds of shark species found at Shark Island.

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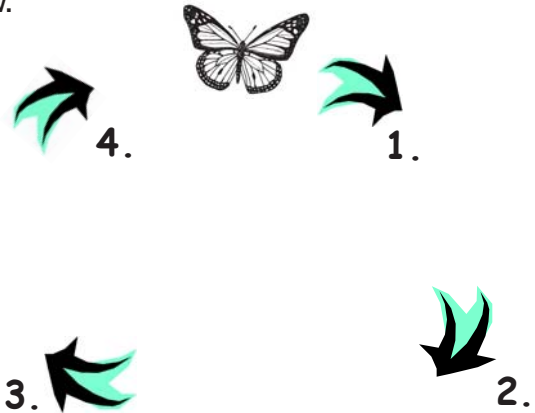
**Fun Fact**

Sharks have tiny teeth all over their skin called dermal denticles.



### Butterfly Garden

3. Draw the lifecycle of the animal you see below.



**Fun Fact**

We take great care to be sure the butterflies in this exhibit cannot get out of the Aquarium.

### Penguins' Rock



4. Which type of penguin is the smallest? \_\_\_\_\_

Which type of penguin is the tallest? \_\_\_\_\_

Which species of penguin is closest to your height? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Watch the penguins. Describe what you see them doing.

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**Fun Fact**



Gentoo penguins are fast swimmers. They can swim underwater at speeds of 20 miles per hour!

## Secret Reef

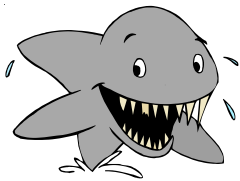
6. Find the name of a fish that swims in a group and write its name.

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7. Find the name of a fish that has stripes and write its name.

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How many stripes does it have? \_\_\_\_\_



### Fun Fact

Sharks have up to 6 rows of teeth that they can use to replace missing teeth for their entire lives!

## Boneless Beauties

8. Name two kinds of jellyfish you have seen.

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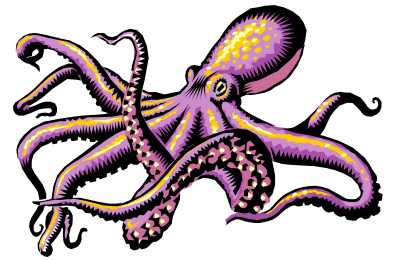
9. Find the giant Pacific octopus. How many legs does it have? \_\_\_\_\_

What on its body helps it to move?

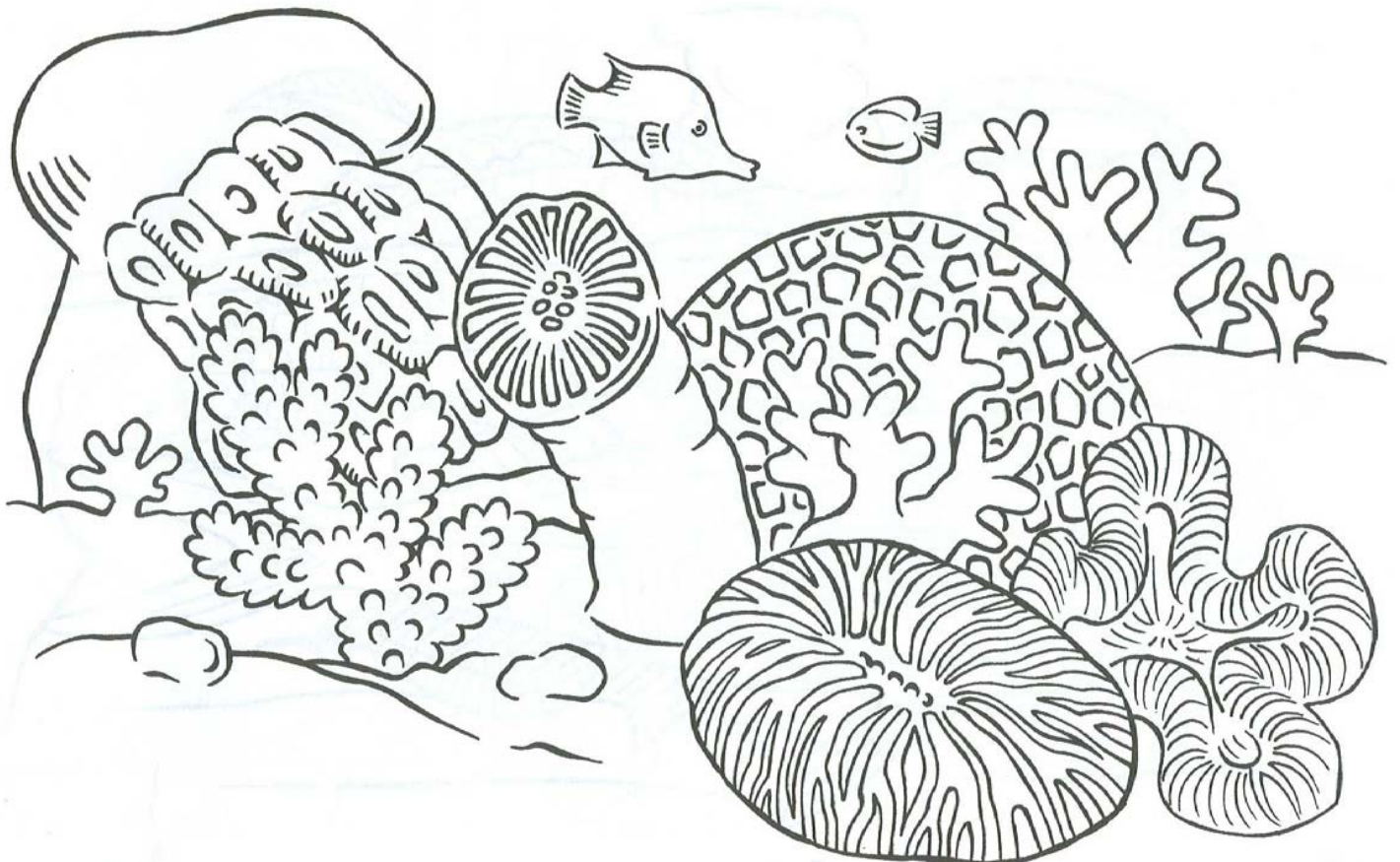
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### Fun Fact

The giant Pacific octopus has the learning ability of a three year old!



After observing the colorful coral found in the Secret Reef exhibit, color the coral reef and its inhabitants below.



# River Journey

## Seahorse Gallery

10. Look carefully at an exhibit of seadragons. They are good at hiding. How many do you see? \_\_\_\_\_



11. We use our hands to hold things. What do seahorses use?  
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### Fun Fact

The smallest seahorse in the world is a dwarf seahorse, about as long as a nickel.



## Discovery Hall

14. Many frogs are green and brown to help them hide in trees. Look in the "Night Voices" exhibit. How many frogs can you find?  
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15. Touch one of the sturgeon carefully. What did it feel like?  
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### Fun Fact

Baby alligators will call for their moms when they are scared!



## Cove Forest

12. Find an animal that has four legs and a tail. What is its name?  
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Does this animal have fur or feathers?  
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13. The Cove Forest goes through all four seasons like a real forest. What season is the forest in now?

- a. Spring
- b. Summer
- c. Fall
- d. Winter



### Fun Fact

River otters like to eat fish, crayfish and frogs!

## Delta Swamp

16. Find and name the largest freshwater turtle that can be found in the Delta exhibit.  
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How large was the freshwater turtle you found?

- a. As big as a cat.
- b. As big as a pumpkin.
- c. Bigger than me.



17. Find one animal that blends in with everything around it.  
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### Fun Fact

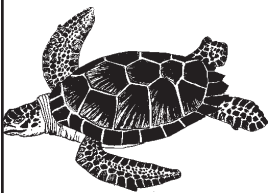
Our American Alligator lies really still in the water so she can surprise her food when it swims by!

## Gulf of Mexico

18. Find a silver fish in the Gulf of Mexico exhibit. Write its name.  
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19. What is the name of your favorite fish in the Gulf exhibit? Why is it your favorite?  
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20. Find the sea turtle. What is it doing?  
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### Fun Fact

The green moray eel is really a blue fish covered with a coat of yellow slime.

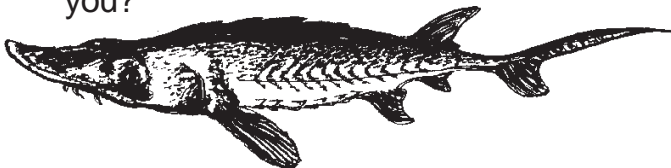
## Rivers of the World

21. What is the largest fish in the Rivers of the World exhibit?  
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22. How many African dwarf crocodiles can you find in the Zaire River tank?

### Fun Fact

The beluga sturgeon in the Volga River tank is around 36 years old. He can live over 100 years. How old are you?



## Tennessee River

23. In the Reelfoot Lake Exhibit, find a fish with a large paddle-shaped nose. Write its name and draw a picture of it.  
  
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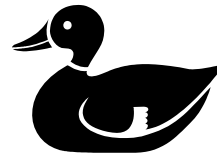


24. Find a salamander in the Tennessee River exhibit. Write its name.  
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25. How do red salamanders get oxygen?  
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### Fun Fact

The ducks in Nickajack Lake can dive underwater to catch their food.



**In the space below, draw a picture of your favorite animal!**



**Note:** A question may have more than one correct answer. Answers are available on our web site at:  
<http://www.tnaqua.org/KidsTeachers/KidsTeachers.asp>.