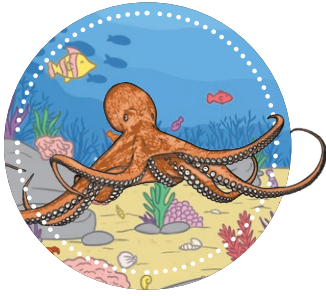
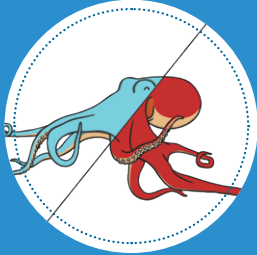


# Octopuses



## What Do Octopuses Look Like?

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can change their skin colour to hide from creatures;



have a sharp beak they use to break open shells on crabs;



shoot a dark liquid when they are afraid. This is called ink.

## Where Do Octopuses Live?

Many octopuses live in gaps within corals or in caves near the bottom of the ocean. Some build homes from rocks. They like to be on their own.



## What Do Octopuses Eat?

Octopuses eat meat. They hunt for food like crabs and shrimp. They creep up on the creature, catch it with their strong arms and bite it with their sharp beak.

# Questions

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- ☐ one
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- ☐ three

2. Which word describes an octopus's beak? Tick one.

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3. What is the name of the dark liquid that octopuses shoot? Tick one.

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## Did You Know...?

Octopuses have three hearts and blue blood!

## Where Do Octopuses Live?

Octopuses live in all of the world's oceans. Some live in coral reefs near the surface while others live in underwater caves near the bottom of the ocean. Some even build their own dens out of rocks. They like to live and hunt on their own.

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## Did You Know...?

The octopus wolffi weighs less than a paperclip!

# Questions

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- ☐ stripes
- ☐ spots
- ☐ suckers

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- ☐ to talk to other octopuses
- ☐ to hunt
- ☐ to make friends

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4. Draw three lines and complete each sentence.

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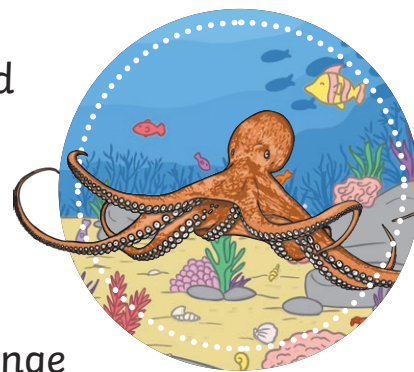
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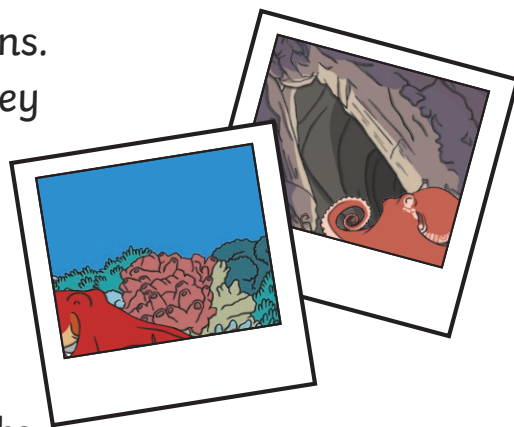
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## Where Do Octopuses Live?

Octopuses live in all of the world's oceans. They are invertebrates, which means they don't have a backbone. Some octopuses live in coral reefs and squeeze themselves into tiny gaps. Other octopuses live in underwater caves near the bottom of the ocean. Some use their strong arms to build their own dens out of rocks. Some even give their dens a rock door they can pull closed behind them. They like to live and hunt on their own.





## Did You Know...?

All octopuses are venomous but the blue-ringed octopus is the only one that is deadly to humans.

## What Do Octopuses Eat?

Octopuses are carnivores (they only eat meat). They like to sneak up on their prey and then pounce, wrapping it in their many arms and biting it with their strong, venomous beak. Octopuses eat crabs, shrimp and clams, some larger octopuses eat birds or sharks.



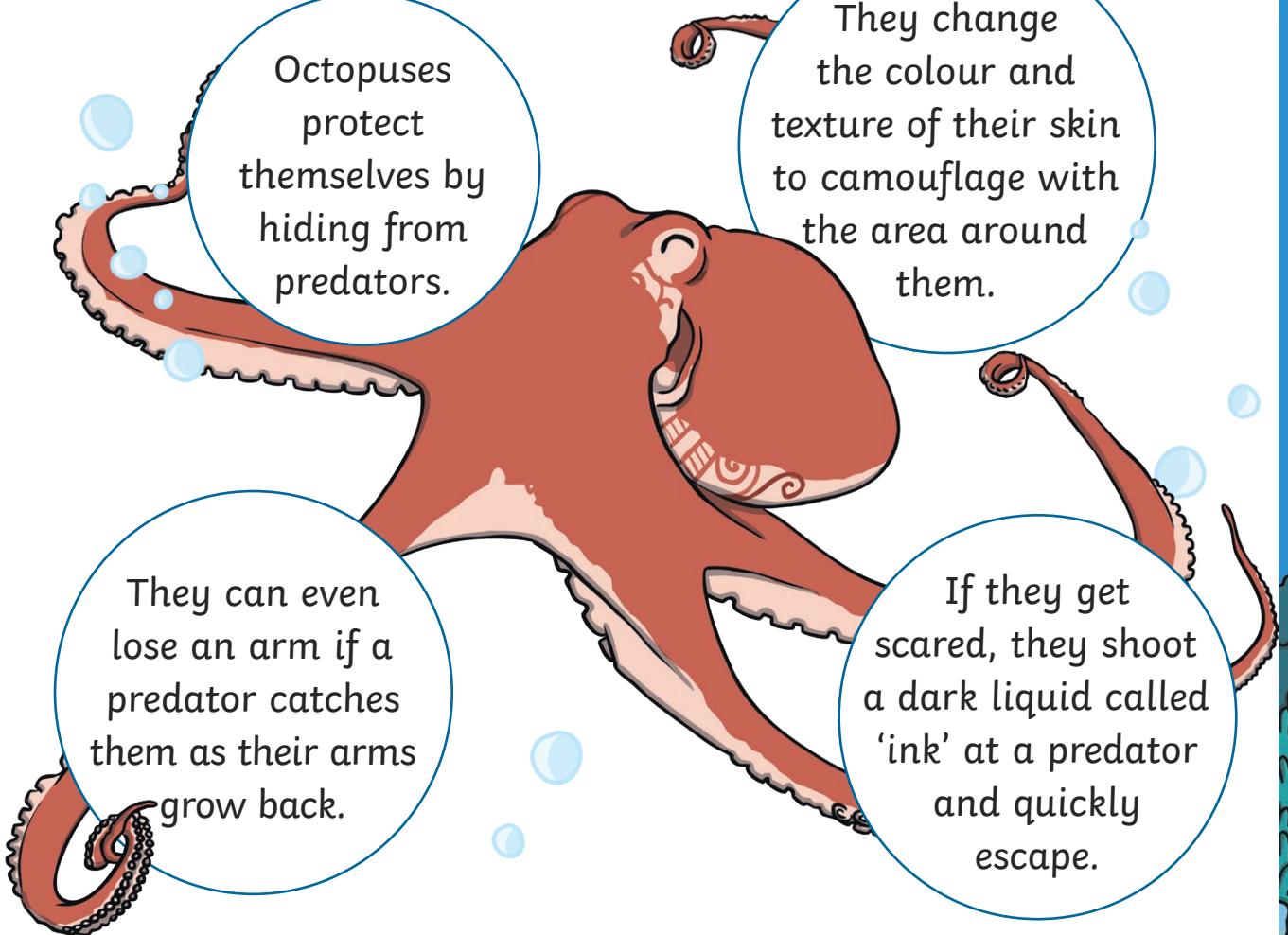
## How Do They Protect Themselves?

Octopuses protect themselves by hiding from predators.

They change the colour and texture of their skin to camouflage with the area around them.

They can even lose an arm if a predator catches them as their arms grow back.

If they get scared, they shoot a dark liquid called 'ink' at a predator and quickly escape.





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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the octopus wolfi is very small because it says it weighs less than a paperclip. Paperclips are not very heavy and are also small.**