

All About Jellyfish

3rd Grade Reading Comprehension

Jellyfish are fascinating sea creatures that have lived in the oceans for millions of years. They are known for their umbrella-shaped bodies and long, trailing tentacles. Jellyfish come in many different sizes and colors. Some are as small as a pea, while others can be as large as a human!

Jellyfish do not have a brain, heart, or bones. Instead, their bodies are made mostly of water and a jelly-like substance. They move by contracting and relaxing their bodies, which pushes them through the water.

Jellyfish use their tentacles to catch food. The tentacles have special cells that can sting and paralyze small fish and other tiny sea animals. Although some jellyfish stings can be painful to humans, most are not dangerous.

Jellyfish can be found in every ocean, from the surface to the deep sea. Some even glow in the dark! These glowing jellyfish are called bioluminescent. Jellyfish are an important part of the ocean ecosystem because they are both predators and prey.



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Comprehension Questions

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- 2 How do jellyfish move?
- 3 What do jellyfish use their tentacles for?
- 4 Where can jellyfish be found?
- 5 What is special about bioluminescent jellyfish?

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Answer Key

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2 How do jellyfish move?

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3 What do jellyfish use their tentacles for?

Jellyfish use their tentacles to catch food and to sting and paralyze small fish and other tiny sea animals.

4 Where can jellyfish be found?

Jellyfish can be found in every ocean, from the surface to the deep sea.

5 What is special about bioluminescent jellyfish?

Bioluminescent jellyfish can glow in the dark.