

Level 4. Jellyfish

Alpha Readers

Jellyfish



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A Write one more word that goes with the description.

unusual	current	tiny	see-through	poisonous	huge
small	=	tiny	☎	not large in size, number, amount	
uncommon	=	unusual	☎	not expected or normal	
toxic	=	poisonous	☎	causing death or illness if you eat or drink it	
enormous	=	huge	☎	very big	
flow	=	current	☎	a steady, continuous movement of something	
transparent	=	see-through	☎	that you can see inside	

B Write the word that best completes the sentence.

tropical
shallow
inject
tentacle
dangerous

- Most jellyfish live in shallow water.
not deep
- Jellyfish use their tentacles to catch their food.
one of the long thin soft parts like legs
- Not all jellyfish stings are dangerous to humans.
likely to cause injury or damage
- Some jelly fish live in warm, tropical seas.
hot and wet
- When the tentacles brush against another animal, they inject the animal with poison.
to put a drug under the skin of an animal's body

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

in	out	through	like	against	than
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1. The bodies of most jellyfish **look** a lot like jelly.
2. Jellyfish **come** in all sizes.
3. A jellyfish **moves** through the water by opening its body like an umbrella.
4. When its body closes, the water is **squeezed** out and the jellyfish moves forward.
5. Some jellyfish have tentacles **longer** than an Olympic swimming pool.
6. When the tentacles brush against another animal, they inject the animal with poison.

D Make correct sentences using comparatives.**Comparatives**

Use **comparatives** when you compare two things, animals, or people.
 Add **-er** to the words to make them comparatives.
 Use **more** in front of the words when the words are long.

1. Jane / beautiful / her sister

→ Jane is more beautiful than her sister.

2. John / tall / my brother

→ John is taller than my brother.

3. Dad / old / my teacher

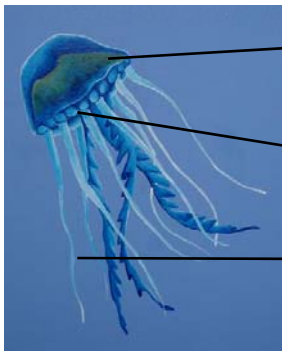
→ Dad is older than my teacher.

4. Some jellyfish stings / poisonous / snake bites

→ Some jellyfish stings are more poisonous than snake bites.

A Answer the following questions.

1. What is NOT true about jellyfish?
 - a) Jellyfish are very unusual sea animals without bones and brain.
 - ☒ b) Jellyfish are actually fish.
 - c) Jellyfish are soft and see-through sea animals.
2. What happens when the jellyfish stops opening and closing its body?
 - a) Their tentacles brush against another animal.
 - b) The water is squeezed out and it moves forward.
 - ☒ c) It sinks to the sea floor or is carried along by the current.
3. What do jellyfish look like? Fill in the blanks with the correct words.



- The body of a jellyfish is shaped like an open umbrella.
(umbrella, tent)
- A short tube is the mouth of the jellyfish. (nose, mouse)
- The tentacles hang from the body like pieces of string. (legs, tentacles)

B Read and circle "T" for true or "F" for false.

1. Jellyfish are very common sea animals. T / ☒ F
2. Jellyfish live all over the world. ☒ T / F
3. Jellyfish are soft and transparent so we can see through them. ☒ T / F
4. Jellyfish never eat other jellyfish. T / ☒ F
5. All jellyfish stings are dangerous to humans. T / ☒ F

C Complete the sentences to answer the questions.

seas, rivers, see-through, all sizes, closing, opening, all over the world

What

do jellyfish look like?

They are soft and see-through.

They come in all sizes.

Where

do jellyfish live?

There are jellyfish all over the world.

Most jellyfish live in the seas but some live in lakes and rivers.

How

do jellyfish move?

They move through the water by opening

their body like an umbrella, then quickly closing it again.

D Complete a report about how jellyfish catch their food.

How do jellyfish catch their food?

What do they use?

They use their tentacles to catch food.

What are the tentacles covered in?

They are covered in poisonous stings.

How do they inject other animals with poison?

They brush against other animals with their tentacles.