

## Think and learn

- 1  Look and complete the chart. breathe fish lay mammals reptiles warm

	(4) _____	(5) _____	(6) _____
(1) <u>breathe</u> underwater	✗	✗	✓
(2) _____-blooded	✓	✗	✗
(3) _____ eggs	✗	✓	✓
give milk to their babies	✓	✗	✗
have scales	✗	✓	✓
examples:	_____	_____	_____

- 2 What animals can you remember? Add some examples to the chart in Activity 1.
- 3 Why do animals use camouflage? Look, read and tick  the reasons mentioned in the text.

## KINGS OF CAMOUFLAGE!

Many fish have amazing camouflage. Let's take a look at some.

What can you see – a plant or a fish? It looks like a plant and moves like a plant, but the leafy seadragon is actually a fish! It can't swim very well, so it uses camouflage to hide from animals that want to eat it.



You can hardly see the leaf scorpionfish against the coral reef where it lives, but it is one of the most dangerous fish in the sea. It acts like a leaf so that it can hide from animals it wants to eat.

The cuttlefish can change shape and colour to hide from danger. It can make itself look like a piece of coral, a plant, or even the sand at the bottom of the sea!



to hide from danger

to show other animals it is there

to look for food without being seen

to look pretty

to find friends

- 4 Read about more marine animals and answer *t* (true) or *f* (false).

## GIANTS OF THE OCEAN!



There are certainly some dangerous and unusual animals in the ocean, but did you know that some of the world's biggest animals also live there?

The whale shark is the biggest fish of all. Although it can be 12 metres long, it mostly eats small fish and other tiny sea creatures. It catches them by swimming along with its mouth open!

The largest reptile on Earth is the saltwater crocodile, which also lives in the sea. It can be up to 6 metres long. It eats anything it can find – including monkeys and even sharks. Some people say it is the animal most likely to eat a human!

The ocean is also home to the largest creature ever to live: the blue whale.

A baby blue whale can be over 7 metres long, but adults can grow to 30 metres long. They can weigh more than 130,000 kg.

That's longer than three buses and heavier than three lorries!

The blue whale also eats tiny sea creatures – around 40 million of them every day!



- 1 The whale shark eats other sharks.
- 2 A baby blue whale is longer than a saltwater crocodile.
- 3 The blue whale is the biggest animal of all.
- 4 The saltwater crocodile is longer than the whale shark.
- 5 The whale shark is a fish.
- 6 The saltwater crocodile is not a meat-eater.

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- 5 Choose one of the animals in Activity 4 and complete the fact file.

**Marine animal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of animal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eats:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unusual fact:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 **Project** Read and answer.

- 1 What animal did you choose?

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- 2 Is it a reptile, a fish or a mammal?

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- 3 Write three facts you found out about it:

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