

Aliens in the ocean

An octopus has no fixed shape or colour. In danger, it will change both. It can become like its **surroundings** and difficult to see. Or it can look like a **dangerous** animal, 30 such as a sea snake, and scare an **attacker** away. Octopuses are also intelligent. Their **brains** are large in proportion to their body size. They can use tools and solve problems: for example, open bottles to get food, or use clever strategies to escape from an aquarium.

35 It seems they are unhappy in a zoo or lab. But they are so different from humans that it is difficult for us to understand their **intelligence**. In fact, it is a bit like meeting intelligent aliens.



4 The author thinks octopuses

- A** are a beautiful colour.
- B** cannot see very well.
- C** can be dangerous.
- D** are smart but hard to understand.

5 Which comment could a reader post under this article?

- A** It was fascinating to read about these amazing animals. It's good news that we can now see them all in our zoo.
- B** I was really amazed at the unusual things these three strange animals do. Very interesting!
- C** It's very sad to read that these astonishing animals are in danger. And all because we humans don't protect the environment on our planet.
- D** These are very interesting stories. Can you post more stories about fantastic animals that don't really exist?