

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, 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.

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?