

Reading Comprehension: The Octopus



Vocabulary :

octopus (n.): a sea animal with a soft round body and eight long arms called tentacles
(หมึกยักษ์)

react (v.): to act in a certain way in response to someone else's action
(เกิดปฏิกิริยา, ตอบสนอง)

strange (adj.): unusual or not familiar, especially in a way that is difficult to understand
(แปลก, ประหลาด)

appearance (n.): the way someone or something looks to other people
(ลักษณะภายนอก)

large (adj.): big in size, amount, or number (ใหญ่)

brain (n.): the organ inside your head that controls how you think, feel, and move
(สมอง)

quite (adv.): to the greatest extent; completely (โดยแท้จริง)

aquarium (n.): a large glass container in which fish and plant are kept
(ตู้ปลา, พิพิธภัณฑ์สัตว์น้ำ)

remove (v.): to take something away from, out of, or off the place where it is
(ขจัด, กำจัด)

obstacle (n.): something that blocks your way (สิ่งกีดขวาง)

separate (adj.): not joined to or touching something else (แยกออก)

meal (n.): an occasion when you eat food, for example breakfast or dinner,
or the food that you eat on that occasion (อาหาร, มื้ออาหาร)

generally (adv.): usually or most of the time (ตามปกติ)

creature (n.): a living thing such as an animal (สิ่งมีชีวิต เช่น คนหรือสัตว์)

respond (v.): to do something as a reaction to something that has been said or done
(ตีต่อ)

contact (n.): communication with a person, organization, country, etc. (การติดต่อสื่อสาร)

squirt (v.): to send out a strong jet of liquid (พุ่งหรือฉีดออกมาน้ำ เป็นสาย)

hide (v.): to put or keep out of sight or away from notice (ซ่อน)

environment (n.): the air, water, and land on Earth, which can be harmed
by man's activities (สภาพแวดล้อม)

attack (v.): to try to hurt, injure, or destroy (something or someone) (โจมตี, ทำร้าย)

prey (n.): an animal, bird, etc. that is hunted and eaten by another animal (เหยื่อ)

pale (adj.): lacking brightness of color; whitish (อ่อนช้ำ)

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Directions: Read each passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question.

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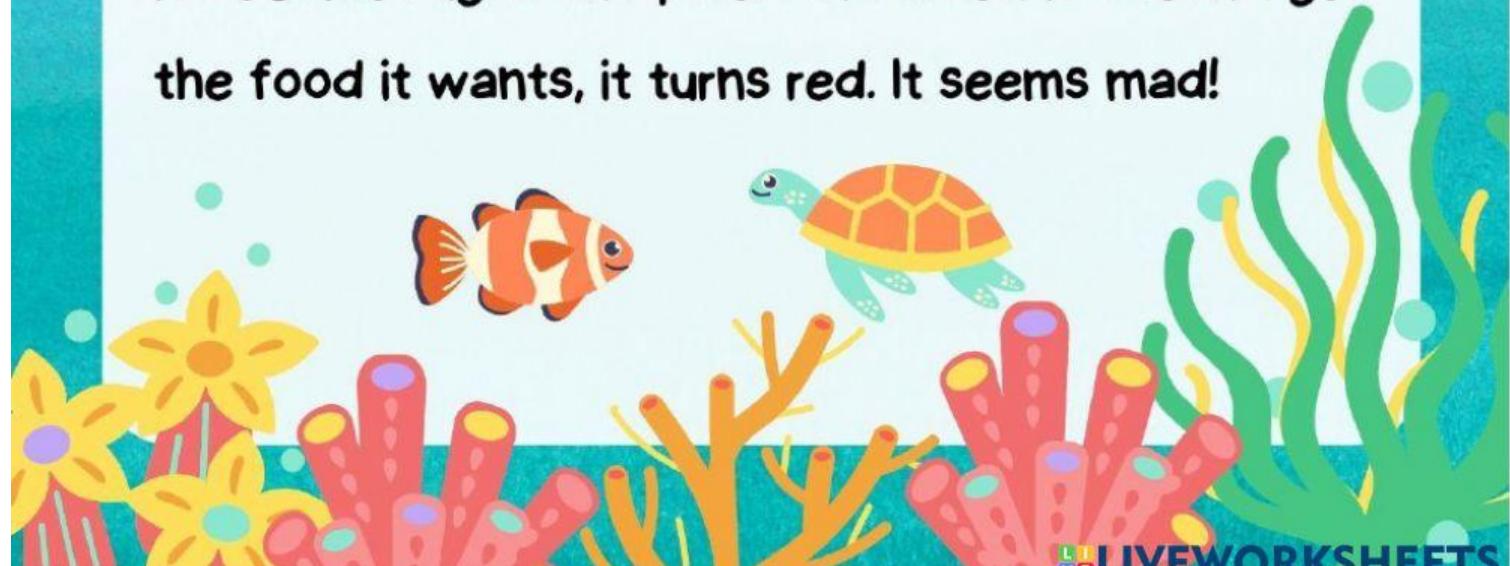
When you think of an animal that reacts to people, what comes to your mind? Is it a dog, a cat, or a horse? You probably don't think of an octopus. To most people, the octopus doesn't look intelligent because of its strange appearance.

But octopuses have very large brains, and they are quite smart. For example, an octopus is in an aquarium, and it sees food outside. What happens? It finds a way to reach the food with its long arms. Octopuses are also very strong, and they often remove obstacles that separate them from their meal.



Octopuses are generally shy creatures. But they sometimes show some emotions. For example, they respond in a very human way when they come in contact with people. They actually seem friendly. They like to play, and they come to get food. When they are afraid, they swim away. When people make them angry, they squirt ink on them.

Under the sea, octopuses change color to hide in their environment. They also change color to show emotion. When the octopus is attacking its prey, it becomes darker. When it is sick or scared, it becomes light and pale. And when it doesn't get the food it wants, it turns red. It seems mad!



1. Why don't people think an octopus is smart?
 1. Because they live in the sea
 2. Because they are strange looking
 3. Because they are not smart
 4. Because they are not pets
2. Which is true about an octopus?
 1. They are smart.
 2. They are stupid.
 3. They have small brains.
 4. They aren't shy.
3. What can an octopus do if it wants food outside of its aquarium?
 1. Reach the food with its arms and get it
 2. Squirt ink
 3. Ask someone to get it food
 4. Change colors
4. How does an octopus show emotion?
 1. By squirting ink
 2. By changing colors
 3. They play
 4. All of the above
5. When will an octopus squirt ink?
 1. Happy
 2. Scared
 3. Sick
 4. Angry
6. How do octopuses hide under the sea?
 1. They change colors to blend with their surroundings.
 2. They attack their prey.
 3. They squirt ink.
 4. None of the above
7. What does "appearance" mean?
 1. How something eats
 2. How something moves
 3. How something smells
 4. How something looks

