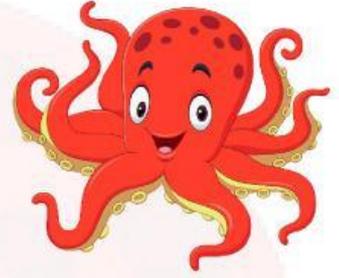


Reading Comprehension: The Octopus



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!

Vocabulary :

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| • octopus (n.): (หมึกยักษ์) | • meal (n.): (อาหาร, มื้ออาหาร) |
| • react (v.): (เกิดปฏิกิริยา, ตอบสนอง) | • generally (ตามปกติ) |
| • strange (adj.): (แปลก, ประหลาด) | • creature (n.): (สิ่งมีชีวิต เช่นคนหรือสัตว์) |
| • appearance (n.): (ลักษณะท่าทาง) | • respond (v.): (โต้ตอบ) |
| • large (adj.): (ใหญ่) | • contact (n.): (การติดต่อสื่อสาร) |
| • brain (n.): (สมอง) | • squirt (v.): (พ่นหรือฉีดออกมา เป็นสาย) |
| • quite (adv.): (โดยแท้จริง) | • hide (v.): (ซ่อน) |
| • aquarium (n.): (ตู้ปลา, พิพิธภัณฑ์สัตว์น้ำ) | • environment (n.): (สภาพแวดล้อม) |
| • remove (v.): (ขจัด, กำจัด) | • attack (v.): (โจมตี, ทำร้าย) |
| • obstacle (n.): (สิ่งกีดขวาง) | • prey (n.): (เหยื่อ) |
| • separate (adj.): (แยกออก) | • pale (adj.): (หน้าซีด) |

About the reading

1. Which animal is NOT typically thought of when considering animals that react to people?

Ans.: _____

2. What characteristic of octopuses is surprising to most people?

Ans.: _____

3. What do octopuses often do when they see food outside their aquarium?

Ans.: _____

4. How do octopuses typically react when they come in contact with people?

Ans.: _____

5. What happens to the color of an octopus when it is scared or sick?

Ans.: _____

6. What does an octopus do when it is angry with people?

Ans.: _____