

PREPARE TO READ WORKSHEET

Octopus Escapes Again

Genre: Narrative Nonfiction (Science)

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. Set a Purpose for Reading

Before you read, think about these questions:

- ☐ What is this text mostly about?
- ☐ What true information will I learn from the story?
- ☐ How does the author organize events?

👉 **My purpose for reading:**

2. Genre Study: Narrative Nonfiction

Read the statements below. Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. This text tells a **true story** using storytelling language.
YES / NO
2. The events happen in **order (beginning → middle → end)**.
YES / NO
3. The text teaches **science facts** about octopuses.
YES / NO
4. The text includes **pictures, diagrams, or labels**.
YES / NO
5. The author uses **bold words or captions** to explain information.
YES / NO

👉 **Conclusion:**

This text is a **Narrative Nonfiction** because

3. Notice & Note — Three Big Questions

Write short answers.

1. What problem does the octopus face again and again?

2. What does the octopus do to survive?

3. What does this story teach us about octopuses?

4. Build Background Knowledge

Match the body part to its function.

| Body Part | Function |
|---------------|--|
| 1. Arms | <input type="checkbox"/> Helps octopus breathe fast |
| 2. Siphon | <input type="checkbox"/> Grabs and holds food |
| 3. Ink | <input type="checkbox"/> Helps octopus escape danger |
| 4. Camouflage | <input type="checkbox"/> Makes octopus hard to see |

5. Critical Vocabulary

Match the word to its meaning.

| Word | Meaning |
|--------------|--|
| 1. flexible | <input type="checkbox"/> hard to see |
| 2. siphon | <input type="checkbox"/> able to bend without breaking |
| 3. lurking | <input type="checkbox"/> hiding and waiting |
| 4. invisible | <input type="checkbox"/> tube used to move water |

6. Vocabulary in Context

Circle the correct answer.

1. An octopus is **flexible**, so it can:
 - A. fly in the ocean
 - B. change color
 - C. squeeze into small spaces
 - D. make loud sounds
 2. The shark was **lurking**, which means it was:
 - A. sleeping
 - B. hiding and waiting
 - C. swimming fast
 - D. eating plants
 3. The octopus uses its **siphon** to:
 - A. grab food
 - B. breathe slowly
 - C. shoot water and escape
 - D. see predators
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7. Meet the Author & Illustrator

Answer in one sentence.

Who is Laurie Ellen Angus and what does she enjoy writing about?

8. Prediction

Based on the title *Octopus Escapes Again*, what do you think will happen?

☆ **Ready to Read!**

Remember: This story is **true**, **scientific**, and told like a story.