



## OCEANS

Are you looking for some place new to explore? The ocean is an amazing part of our earth. There are many parts to the ocean and many different types of animals that live in it.

Coral reefs give food and shelter to small animals that live near the top of the water. Coral reefs are warm and usually have plenty of light. Starfish, sea anemones, and clams live here.

The seashore is the part of the ocean most of us know best. It includes the sand but also tide pools along the rocks. Animals that live on the rocks have special arms and legs that help them when the waves crash over them. They use these arms and legs to hold onto the rocks around them. Other animals, like crabs and some birds, move every time the waves crash back and forth. Smaller animals stay alive by quickly digging holes into the sand.

Many sea animals live in the open ocean where the waters still have some light. Many types of plants, as well as sharks, fish, turtles, and seals live here.

Deep down in the ocean it is very cold. There is very little light. In the deepest parts of the ocean, it is completely dark. Some animals that live down there actually create their own light to attract other fish!

### STORY QUESTIONS

1. Why would you probably not find a coral reef in the deep ocean?
  - a. Reefs need cold water to live.
  - b. Reefs need light and warm water to live.
  - c. Reefs need to live in dark parts of the ocean.
  - d. Reefs wouldn't have enough food in the deep.
2. How do some of the smaller sand animals survive on the seashore?
  - a. They grab onto the coral reef.
  - b. They roll with the waves.
  - c. They hold on to rocks.
  - d. They tunnel quickly down into the sand.
3. According to the passage, what can some animals that live in the deep ocean do?
  - a. They can go for long periods of time without eating.
  - b. They can create their own light.
  - c. They can swim with their eyes closed.
  - d. They can eat animals larger than themselves.
4. If you were to explore the seashore, which of these would you probably feel beneath your toes?
  - a. sand, ice, and snow
  - b. ice, snow, and mud
  - c. sand, small pebbles, and shells
  - d. large rocks, clay, and chunks of dirt