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Pufferfish

Pufferfish have a very unusual way of keeping themselves safe. If they think that another animal wants to eat them, they quickly fill their tummies with lots of water and become a round, hard ball! Some pufferfish have spiky spines on their skin, too.



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Seahorses

Seahorses are amazing creatures. Just one of their unique features is that they have no stomach and so have to eat constantly! They also have a tail that they can use to grab things with, such as sea grasses and coral.



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Crabs

There are thousands of different types of crab – some of which live in water and some on land. Crabs have ten legs and walk sideways. Two of their ten legs have large claws on the end that crabs use for grabbing things.



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Stingrays

These curious fish have flat bodies that seem to ripple as they move through the water. They spend a lot of their time in shallow water or on the sea bed partly buried in the sand. Stingrays can grow up to two metres long and live for 25 years.



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Sea turtles

The beautiful sea turtle is a reptile. It lives in the sea but needs air to breathe so often comes to the surface. Female turtles lay their eggs on beaches and when they have hatched, the young turtles have to make their way back to the sea.



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Jellyfish

Jellyfish have been around for millions of years. There were jellyfish on Earth even before the dinosaurs existed! A lot of jellyfish are clear or blue, but they can also be very colourful. They can be small (about the size of your thumb) or taller than your teacher!



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