

# Octopuses

## What Do Octopuses Look Like?

Octopuses are boneless sea creatures with six arms, two legs and a large head. They have a sharp beak near to where their arms join. They have hundreds of suckers on each of their arms and legs which help them to taste. Octopuses are great at hiding. Octopuses can change the colour of their skin to talk to other octopuses, to hide and to hunt.

Octopuses have nine brains and are very clever. They have one main brain and one in each arm and leg. This means they can do lots of different things at the same time.



## Did You Know...?

Octopuses have three hearts and blue blood!

## Where Do Octopuses Live?

Octopuses live in all of the world's oceans. Some live in coral reefs near the surface while others live in underwater caves near the bottom of the ocean. Some even build their own dens out of rocks. They like to live and hunt on their own.

## What Do Octopuses Eat?

Octopuses eat meat. They hunt for food like crabs and shrimp. They creep up on the creature and catch it with their strong arms. The octopus then bites the creature with its sharp, poisonous beak.

## Did You Know...?

The octopus wolfi weighs less than a paperclip!



# Questions

1. What do octopuses have on each arm? Tick one.

- ☐ stripes
- ☐ spots
- ☐ suckers

2. Why do octopuses change their skin colour? Tick **two**.

- ☐ to talk to other octopuses
- ☐ to hunt
- ☐ to make friends

3. Fill in the missing word:

Octopuses have nine \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Draw three lines and complete each sentence.

Octopuses live in ... ●

● their own dens out of rocks.

Octopuses hunt for ... ●

● all of the world's oceans.

Some octopuses build ... ●

● food like crabs and shrimp.

5. How much does the octopus wolfi weigh?

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