

# Zoo Animal Habitat Activities



Help the zookeeper sort the animals!





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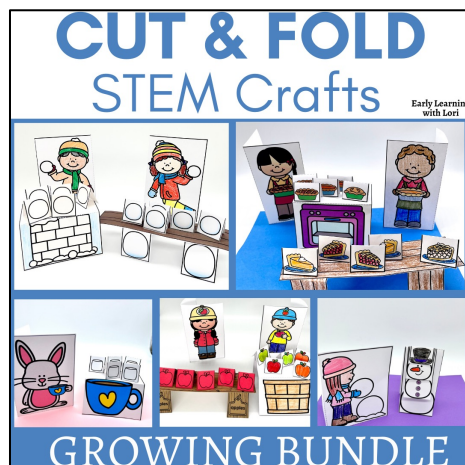
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Take your habitat studies even further with the full Zoo Animal Habitats Activity and Worksheets resource!

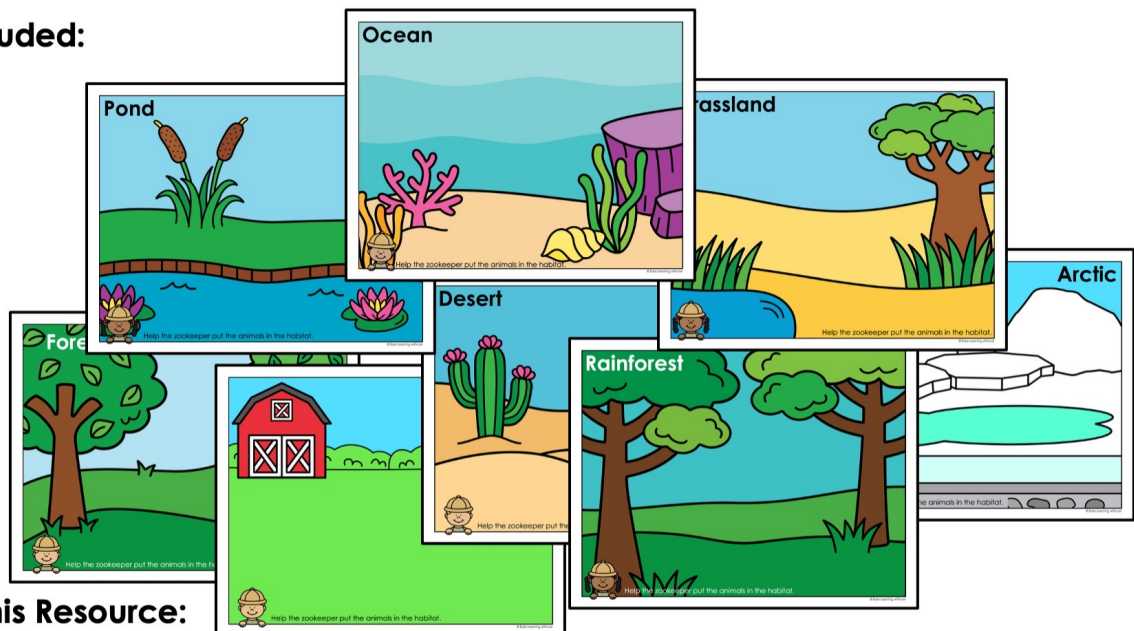
Students will love helping the zookeeper sort animals into their correct habitats while learning about the places animals call home.

## The complete resource includes:

- ✓ 8 "Who Doesn't Belong?" Habitat Worksheets in color and grayscale with answer keys
- ✓ Animal Fact Pages
- ✓ 4 Cut-and-Paste Habitat Sorting Activities in color and grayscale with answer keys
- ✓ 8 Habitat Mats in color and grayscale
- ✓ 64 Animal Cards in color and grayscale
- ✓ 16 Animal Habitat pages for drawing and writing about animals.

## 8 Habitats Included:

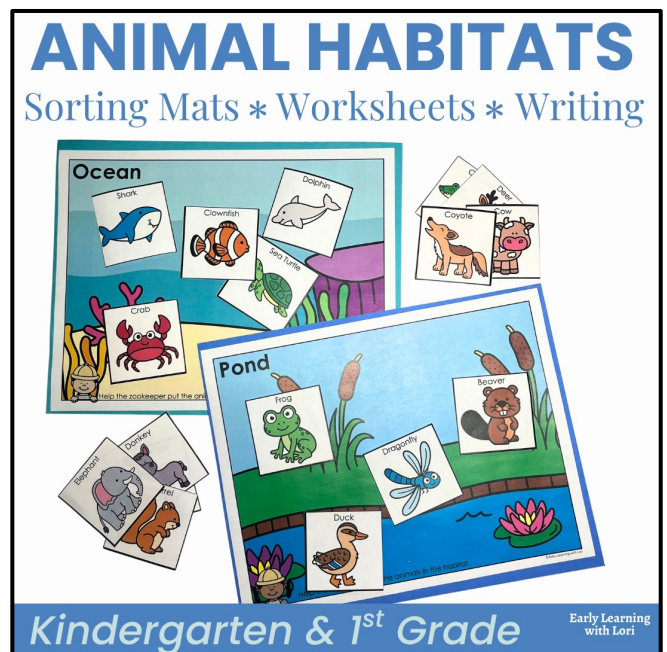
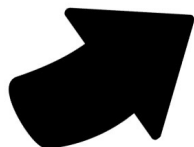
- Arctic
- Desert
- Farm
- Forest
- Grassland
- Ocean
- Pond
- Rainforest



## Ways to Use This Resource:

- Independent practice
- Science centers
- Small groups
- Whole group lessons
- Early finisher activities
- Homeschool learning

Ready to help the zookeeper with all 8 habitats?  
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# OCEAN ANIMAL HABITATS

## LESSON FOCUS

Students will identify animals that belong in the ocean habitat and explain why some animals do not belong.

## MATERIALS

- Ocean Habitat Worksheet
- Animal Fact Page
- Ocean Habitat Mat
- Ocean Animal Cards
- Draw an Animal Pages
- "Help the Zookeeper!" mission page

## PREPARATION

Print the "Help the Zookeeper!" page.  
Print the Ocean Worksheet and Fact Page.  
Print and cut apart the Ocean Animal Cards. Laminate for durability.  
Print the Ocean Habitat Mat.  
Review the animal facts before beginning the activity.  
Optional: For extension, print one of the "Draw an Animal in the Habitat" page

## ACTIVITY

### Introduction (5 minutes)

1. Ask students:
  - What is a habitat?
  - What kinds of animals live in the ocean?
  - What do ocean animals need to survive?
2. Review the animal fact page together. Discuss the animals and any clues that help students determine where they live.

### Guided Practice (10 minutes)

1. Display the "Help the Zookeeper!" page. Tell the students that they will be helping the zookeeper sort animals into their habitat.
2. Display the Ocean Habitat Mat and animal cards.
3. Invite students to help the zookeeper sort the animals.
4. For each animal, ask:
  - Does this animal belong in the ocean?
  - Why or why not?
  - Where might it live instead?

### Independent Practice (10 minutes)

1. Students complete the Ocean Habitat Worksheet.
2. After completing the worksheet, review the answers as a class.
3. Discuss where the lost animals might find a home.

### Extension Activities

- Use the animal cards as a sorting center.
- Have students draw any ocean animal and label it or write about it.
- Students to explain why one of the misplaced animals on the worksheet does not belong in the ocean.

### Assessment

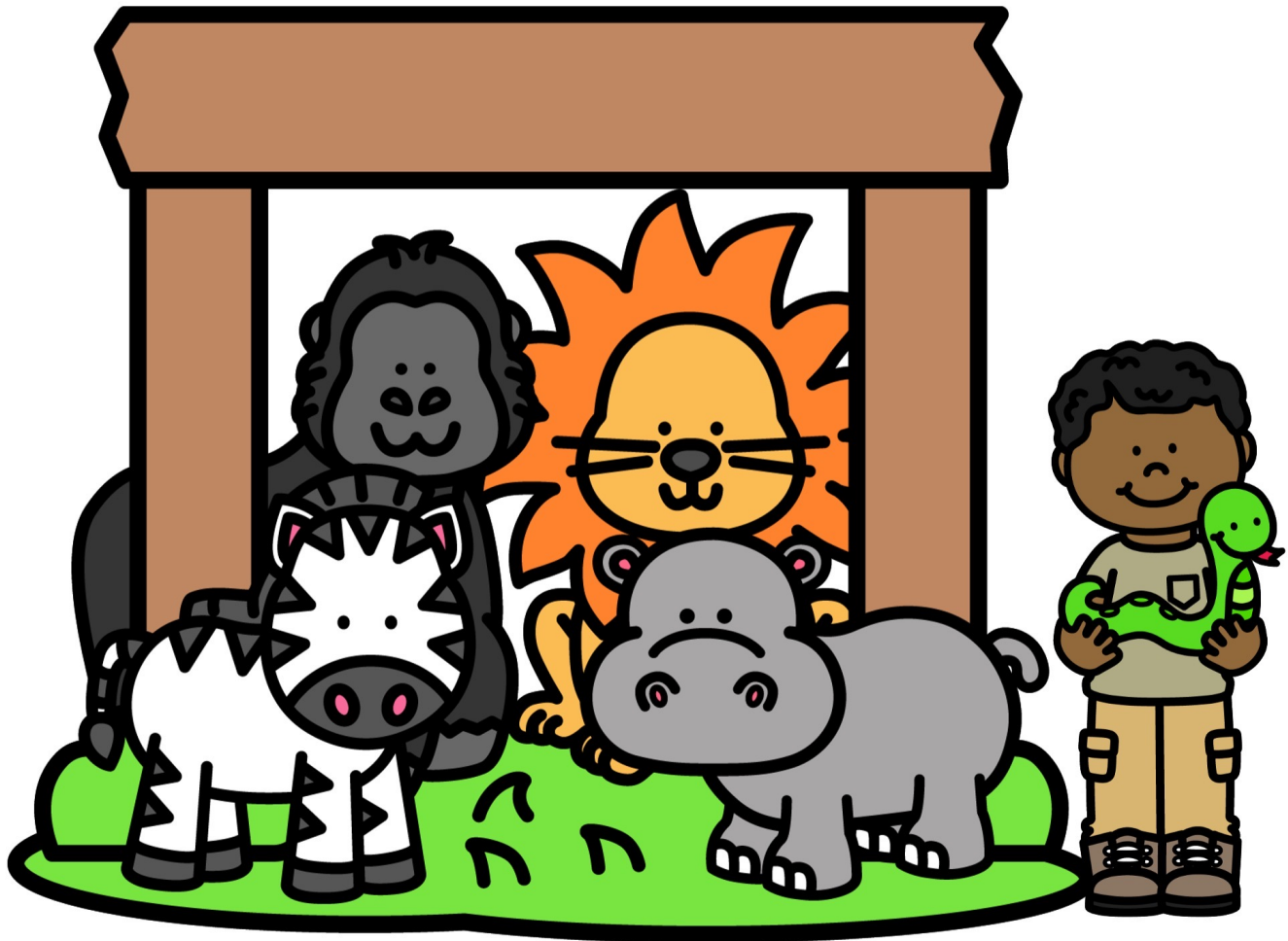
Observe students as they sort animals and complete the worksheet. Listen for explanations that show an understanding of animal habitats.



# HELP THE ZOOKEEPER!

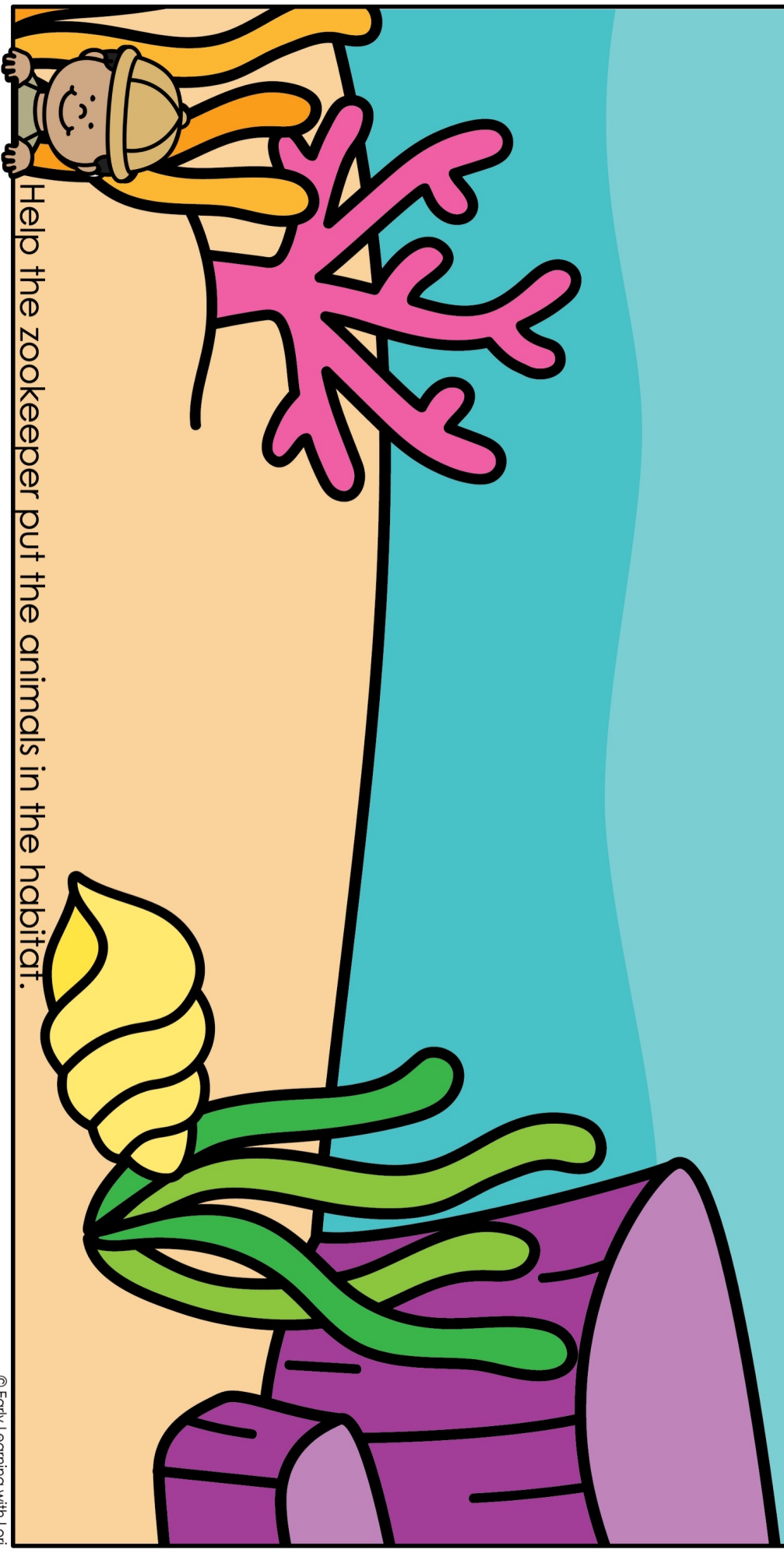
Can you help the lost animals find their homes?

- Look at the animals.
- Find each animal's habitat.
- Put the animals where they belong.



Great job, Zookeeper!  
You helped the animals find their homes.

# Ocean

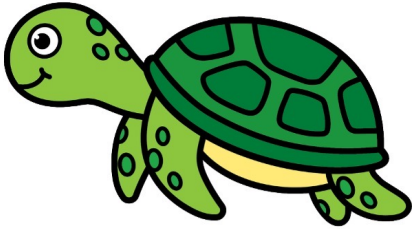


Help the zookeeper put the animals in the habitat.

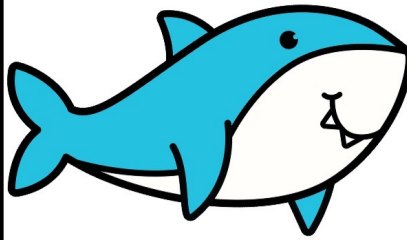


# ANIMAL CARDS

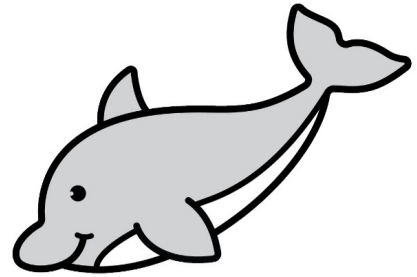
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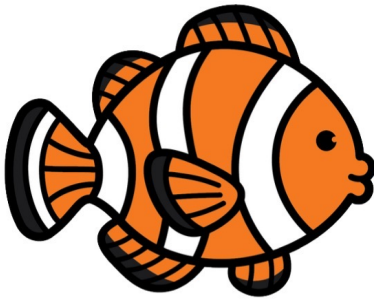
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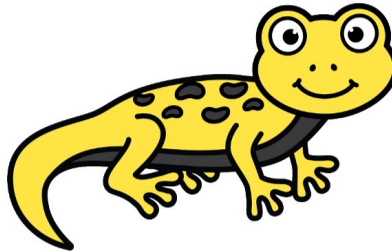
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Clownfish



Salamander



Beaver



Crab



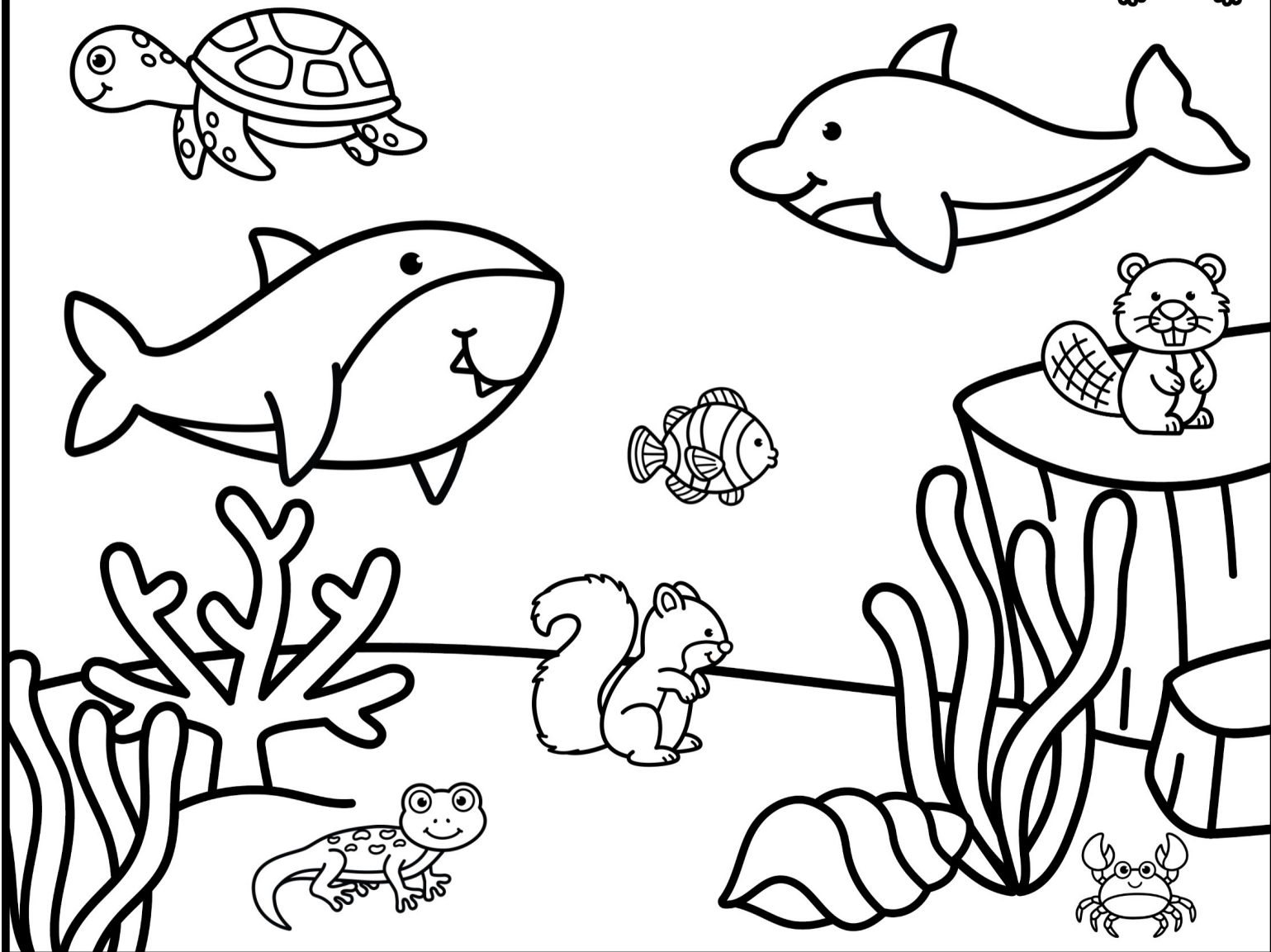
Squirrel



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# Who Doesn't Belong in the Ocean?

Help the zookeeper! Put an **X** on the animals that are lost.



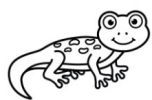
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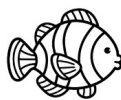
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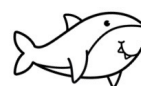
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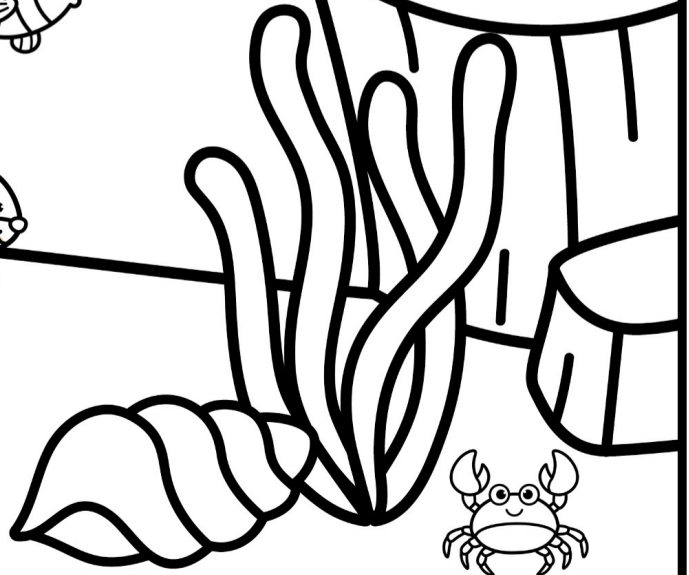
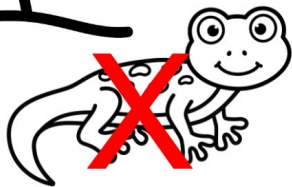
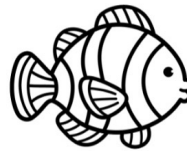
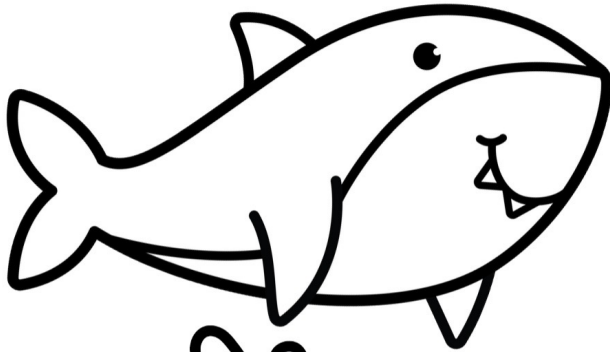
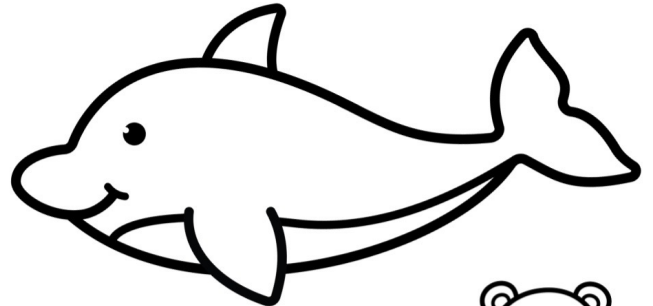
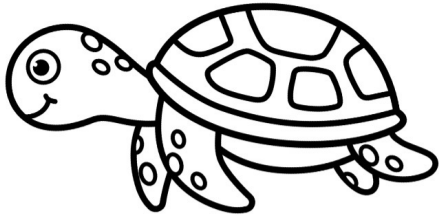


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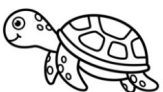
Name: Answer Key

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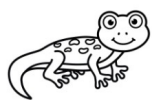
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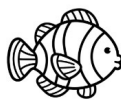
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## WHO BELONGS IN THE OCEAN?

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- *The ocean covers most of Earth*
- *Ocean water is salty*
- *Many big and tiny animals live in the ocean*

### Sea Turtle

- Sea turtles swim long distances across the ocean
- They come to shore to lay their eggs
- Sea turtles have flippers instead of legs

### Crab

- Crabs walk sideways
- They have a hard shell to protect their body
- Crabs have ten legs

### Clownfish

- Clownfish live safely among stinging sea anemones
- A slippery coating helps protect clownfish from anemone stings
- Clownfish stay close to their sea anemone home

### Dolphin

- Dolphins can learn, play and work together
- Dolphins communicate using clicks and whistles
- Dolphins breathe air through a blowhole on top of their head

### Shark

- Sharks have skeletons made of bendy cartilage, not bones
- Sharks use their strong tails to swim
- Many sharks have rows of sharp teeth

## WHO DOESN'T BELONG IN THE OCEAN?

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### Salamander X

- Salamanders live in cool damp places
- Salamanders lay their eggs in fresh water
- Salamanders have smooth, moist skin

### Squirrel X

- Squirrels build leafy nests called dreys
- Squirrels bury nuts and acorns to save for later
- Squirrels use their bushy tails for balance

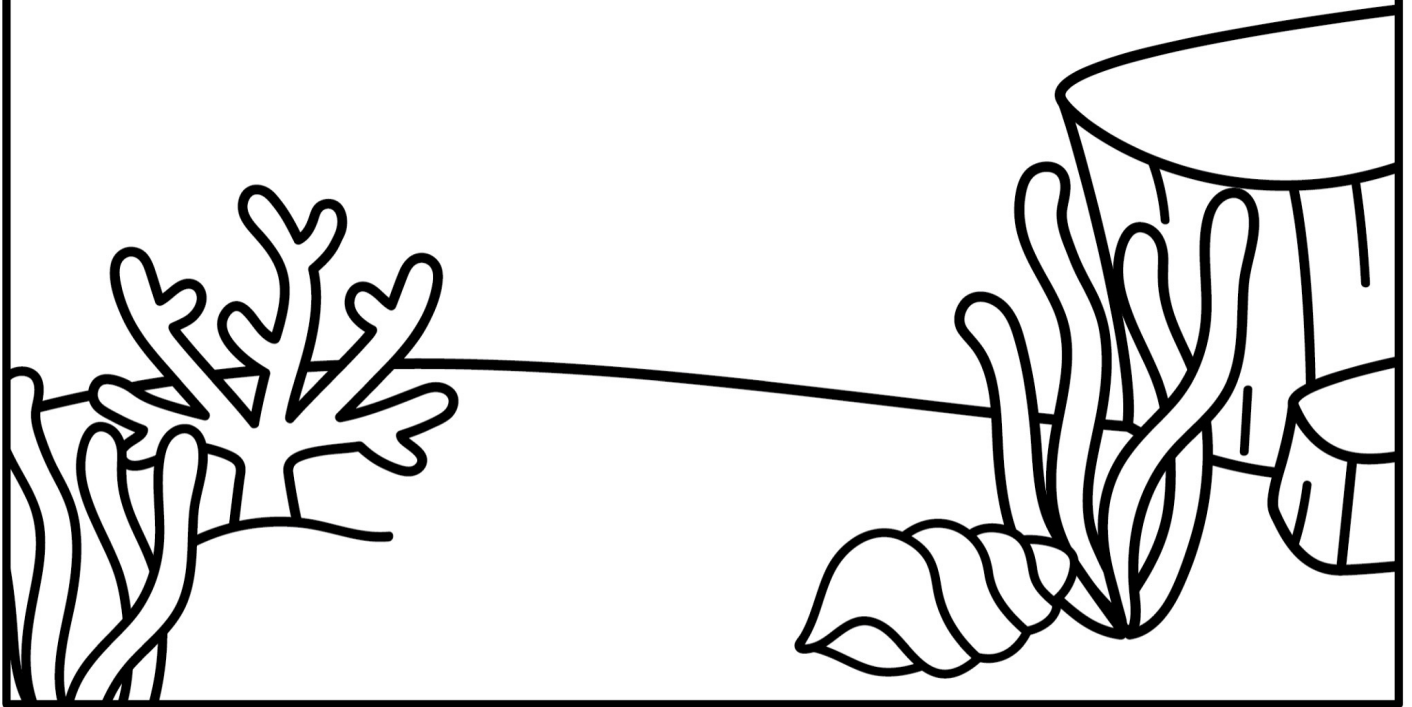
### Beaver X

- Beavers build dams in rivers and streams
- Beavers have flat tails for swimming in fresh water
- Beavers use their big teeth to cut wood

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw an animal that lives in the ocean. Write about it.

## Ocean Habitat



My animal is a

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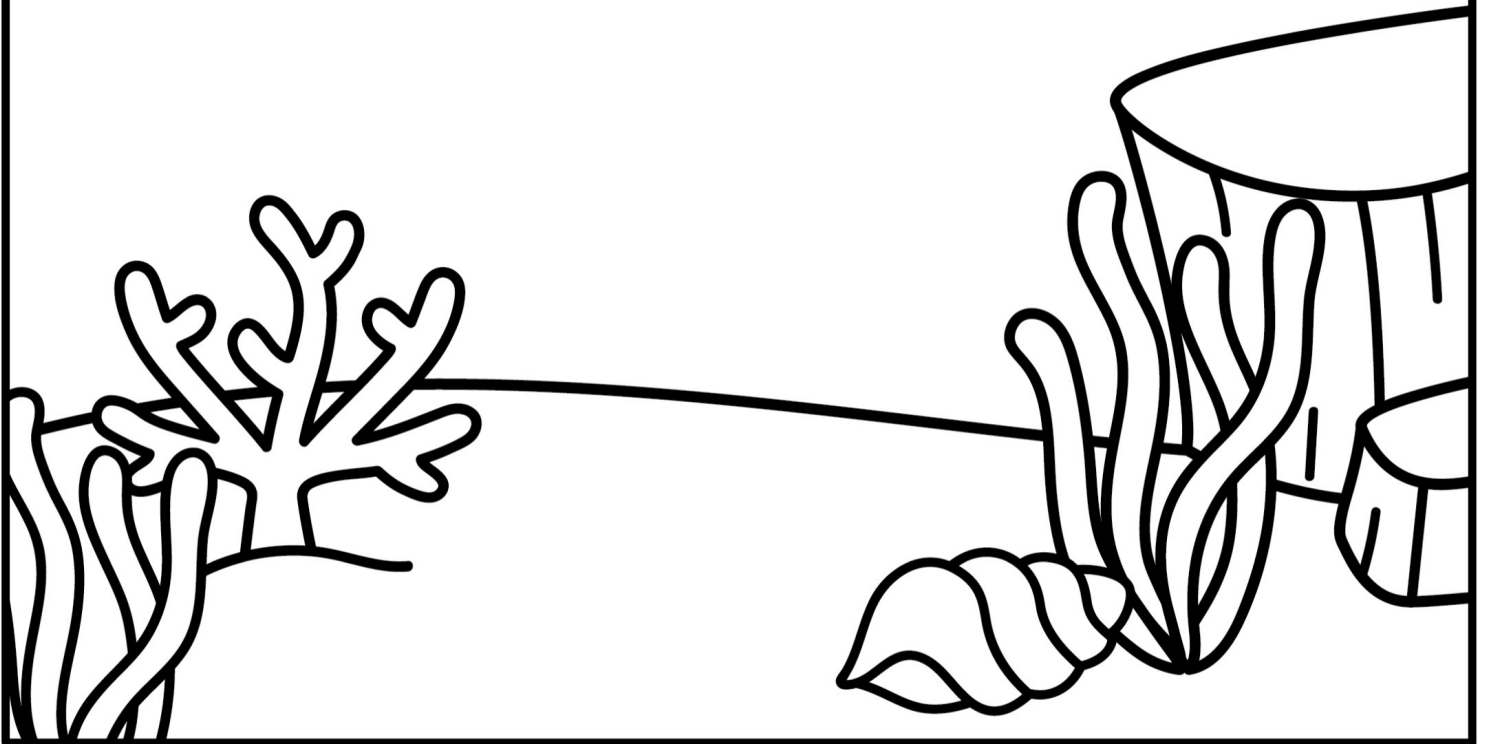
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw an animal that lives in the ocean.

## Ocean Habitat



My animal is a \_\_\_\_\_.

It lives in the ocean.