



Facts & Questions - Octopus Key Stage 1

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Facts

The octopus is one of the cleverest, intelligent creatures in the ocean and have a round body with large eyes.

It has 8 long arms, along which are two rows of suckers.

As an octopus has no bones, it can squeeze through holes to escape quickly and will squeeze black ink at predators.

An octopus can change colour to camouflage and there are around 300 species of octopus

An octopus will use it's arms to grab food and put it in their mouths, they eat shrimp, crabs and lobsters.

Octopuses live alone, making dens using rocks and shells.

An octopus has 3 hearts, 2 of which pump blood to their gills to help them breathe and the other to pump blood around their body.

Questions

How many arms does an octopus have?
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How many bones does an octopus have? (a – 10) (b – 0) (c – 8)
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What will an octopus squeeze at predators to protect itself?
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Why would an octopus change colour?
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What does an octopus eat, can you name 3 things?
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How many hearts does an octopus have? (a – 1) (b - 4) (c – 3)
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What does an octopus have on its arms?
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How many species of octopuses are there?
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Can you write and spell octopus?
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What does an octopus use to make its den?
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Facts & Questions - Octopus Key Stage 2

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Facts

The scientific name for an octopus is Octopoda. They are invertebrates and live for around 1-2 years. Their arms are called tentacles that have two rows of sucker sensors.

They are carnivores and are abundant in warm tropical waters. Most octopuses stay on the ocean floor but some are pelagic so live near the waters surface.

They swim by blasting water through a muscular tube on their body called a siphon and if they feel threatened they will shoot an inky black liquid.

Octopuses eat shrimps, crabs and lobsters, but some are able to eat sharks! To eat a victim, they use the powerful suckers on their arms to pull and keep hold of their prey.

They are able to camouflage from grey, brown, pink, blue or green to protect themselves from predators. They build dens for themselves using their arms to move rocks including a rock door! They are not considered endangered.

An octopus has 3 hearts, 2 of which pump blood to their gills to help them breathe and the other to pump blood around their body.

Questions

What is the scientific name for the octopus?
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What does carnivore mean?
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What is the tube called that they use to swim?
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Name three things octopuses can eat?
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If they felt threatened what colour liquid do they shoot?
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What colours can an octopus camouflage into?
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What are their arms called?
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How many hearts do they have?
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What does invertebrate mean?
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