



# Ocean Habitat

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# Oceans: What is a Carnivore?

**Oceans** - The oceans make up more than half of the earth's surface. Some parts of the ocean are deep and some are shallow, but all ocean water is salty. There is so much life below the surface of the water as there are many plants and animals that call the ocean their home. The plants in the ocean, like kelp and tiny algae called phytoplankton, have a very big job of making oxygen that humans and other animals need to breathe. The ocean has some of the smallest and the biggest animals in the world. The smallest animals in the ocean are called zooplankton. They are so small you can see them only with a microscope. The biggest animal in the world, the blue whale, can be 100 feet long. From big to small, so many animals from fish, turtles, crabs, jellyfish, sea lions, sharks, and so many more all call this ocean habitat their home.

In the video we learned about some ocean **carnivores** like sharks, sting rays, seals, and sea lions that we have at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. A carnivore is an animal that eats only meat. The teeth of a carnivore are sharp in the front for catching their food. Their back teeth are also very sharp for cutting the meat like a pair of scissors or a knife. There are many animals in the ocean that are carnivores and eat other animals in the ocean. Our sharks, rays, seals and sea lions all like to eat different types of fish, squid and octopus.

## Activity:

- In the ocean video we learned about a special sea lion at the zoo named Wishbone. Wishbone is blind which means he can't see. He has a special way of getting around in the water and finding his favorite food, fish. Wishbone uses his whiskers on the sides of his nose and mouth to feel his way around. Your activity today is to try to use your sense of touch to feel your way around a room. Get an adult to help you and make sure there is nothing dangerous that you might run into. Close your eyes and feel your way around the room. Or you can try sitting at a table and closing your eyes while you try to eat your lunch.

## Writing prompt:

- There are many different animals that live in the ocean. Draw a picture of an ocean habitat with some ocean animals. You can also draw some ocean plants to add detail to your picture. Remember that some ocean animals are small, some are big, some might eat plants, and some eat meat.

## Math:

- 6 fish are swimming in a school, and 3 of them swim away. How many fish are left?
- There are 7 octopus and 9 crabs in the ocean. Which group has more animals? The octopus or the crabs?

## Check for Understanding:

- How is an ocean habitat different that some other habitats you have learned about?

