

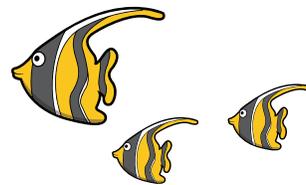


Words in Context

Context clues are the words that give readers hints about the meanings of unfamiliar words or familiar words used in unfamiliar ways.

Materials:

- Lists of sentences (provided)
- Paper
- Pencils

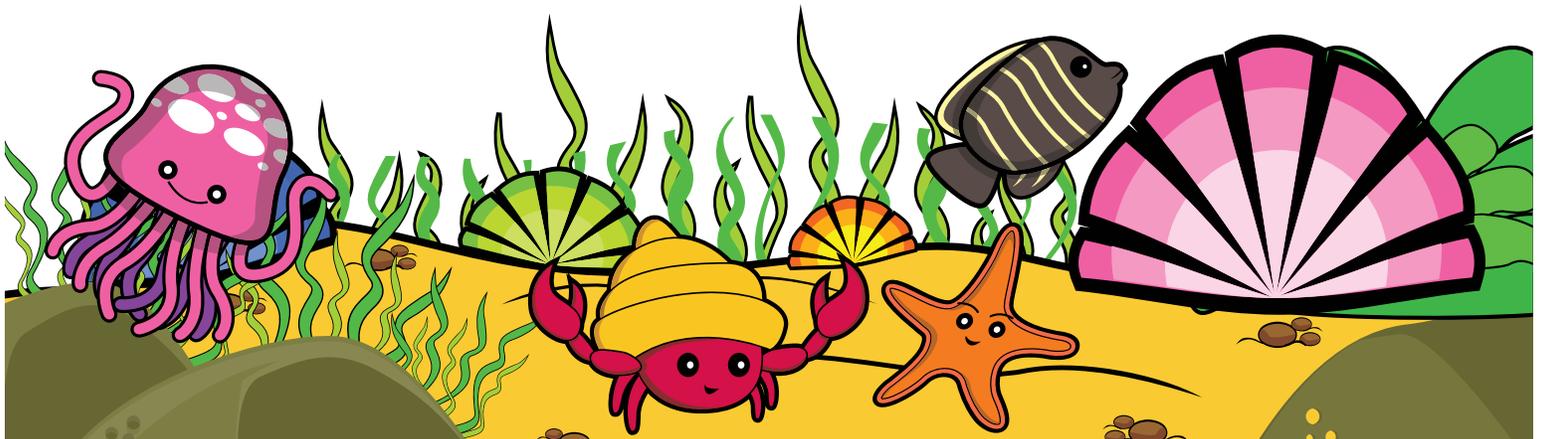


Preparation:

- Print the lists of sentences (with and without blanks) related to your theme.
- Cut the sentences so that they can be shown to families one at a time.
- Keep one copy of the completed sentences for the facilitator.

Activity Instructions:

1. Give each person paper and a pencil.
2. Hold up sentences with blanks and read them aloud, one at a time.
3. After each sentence is read, ask each person to write a word or phrase to fill in the blank.
4. When everyone has written down a word or phrase, invite participants to read what they have written aloud.
5. Anyone who has written a word or phrase that fits with the sentence and is not repeated by anyone else earns one point.
6. Continue until all sentences have been read aloud. The person with the most points is the winner!



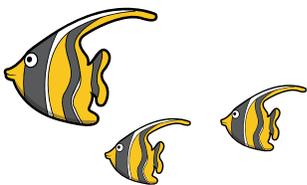
The only shark _____ than the great white shark is the whale shark.



A flying fish doesn't actually fly like a bird does, it _____ out of the water and glides through the air.



In some places, fishermen scoop flying fish right out of the ___ with nets.



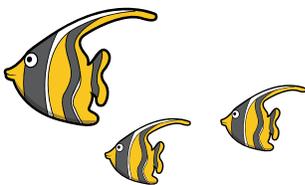
Orcas are found in all the oceans of the world, but they usually prefer _____ waters.



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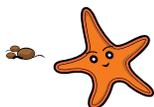
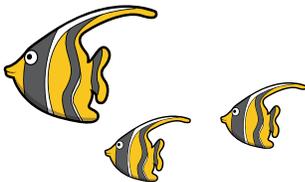
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Even though great whites have been _____ in waters as shallow as three feet deep, these sharks spend most of their time in deeper coastal waters.



Words in Context

The only shark **larger** than the great white shark is the whale shark.

A flying fish doesn't actually fly like a bird does, it **jumps** out of the water and glides through the air.

In some places, fishermen scoop flying fish right out of the **air** with nets.

Orcas are found in all the oceans of the world, but they usually prefer **cooler** waters.

If an octopus is threatened by a predator, such as a shark or bird, it can use some pretty **amazing** skills to get away.

Manatees have powerful tails that are **very similar** to the fish-like tail of a mermaid.

Even though great whites have been **spotted** in waters as shallow as three feet deep, these sharks spend most of their time in deeper coastal waters.

