
词汇: *ocean creatures* 海洋生物

The ocean covers over 70% of the surface of our planet, though, according to the National Ocean Service, 95% of it remains **unexplored**. This is because under the surface is a dark and **hostile** environment with **unrelenting** high pressure, **freezing** temperatures and **bizarre** creatures in the depths.

The Census of Marine Life reports more than 17,000 **species** living in the **deep sea**. The Greenland shark can live in depths of 7,200 feet and is a rarely seen **Arctic predator** said to live to 400 years old and reach 23 feet in length. In order to battle the icy depths, **Greenland sharks** have chemicals in their skin which prevent **ice crystals** from forming on their body.

Another deep-sea creature is the **giant squid**, an animal that remains a mystery to scientists despite being the largest **invertebrate** on Earth. Living far below the surface, what we know has largely come from **carcasses** being **washed ashore**. **Marine biologists** have found that they feed on fish, squid and possibly even small **whales**. They find **prey** using eyes which are ten inches wide, roughly the size of a dinner plate!

Other unusual creatures include the **vampire squid**, which lives 2000 to 3000 feet under the ocean and is so-called because of its dark cloak that connects its eight arms. There is also the **dumbo octopus**, named due to its resemblance to the elephant from the 1943 Disney film Dumbo, with its **protruding** ears. Another unique creature is the **anglerfish** known for the light that hangs from its head.

So, enjoy swimming, but don't **venture** too far down – you never know what is **lurking** beneath!

词汇表

unexplored	未经探索的，无人涉足的
hostile	恶劣的
unrelenting	无情的，不屈不挠的
freezing	极冷的
bizarre	奇怪的，怪诞的
species	物种
deep sea	深海
Arctic	北极的
predator	掠食者，捕食性动物
Greenland shark	格陵兰鲨
ice crystal	冰晶
giant squid	巨型乌贼
invertebrate	无脊椎动物
carcass	(动物的) 尸体
wash ashore	冲到岸上
marine biologist	海洋生物学家
whale	鲸
prey	猎物
vampire squid	吸血乌贼
dumbo octopus	小飞象章鱼
protruding	突出的
anglerfish	琵琶鱼
venture	冒险去做
lurk	潜伏，潜藏

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

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2. How do Greenland sharks survive the cold of the deep sea?
3. What is the largest invertebrate on Earth?
4. What does the giant squid feed on?
5. True or false? *The anglerfish has lights covering its body.*

2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. Despite being sisters, they don't _____ each other at all.

lurk	explore	resemble	venture
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2. When a lion chases a zebra, the zebra is the _____.

invertebrate	prey	carcass	predator
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3. That film was _____. I didn't even understand what was happening!

bizarre	hostile	protruding	freezing
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4. At university, he studied to become a _____.

predator	vampire	species	marine biologist
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ice crystals	cloaks	creatures	surfaces
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答案

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False. It has a light that hangs from its head.

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