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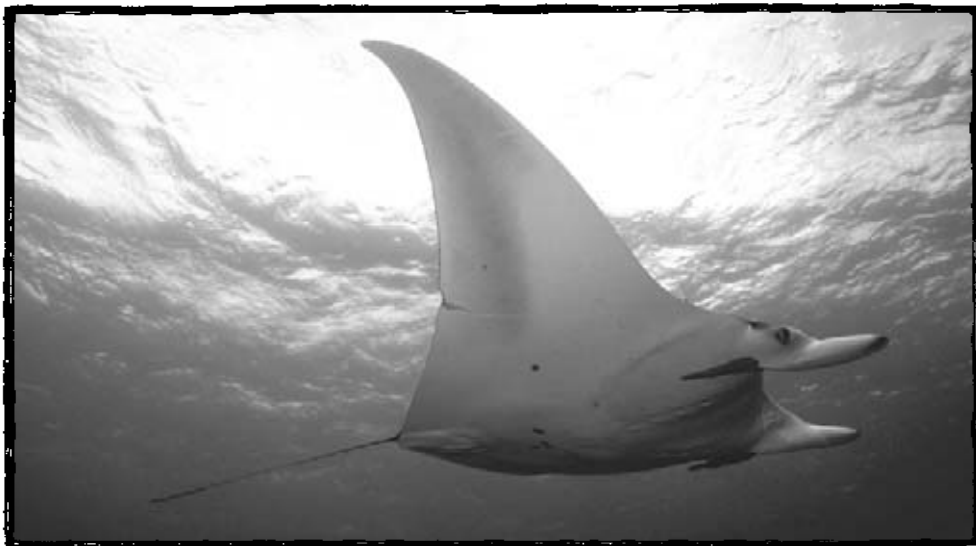
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Many kinds of animals live in the ocean.
They are part of the ocean community.
Let's meet some of these ocean animals.
Most of the ones in this book are mammals, fish, or reptiles.

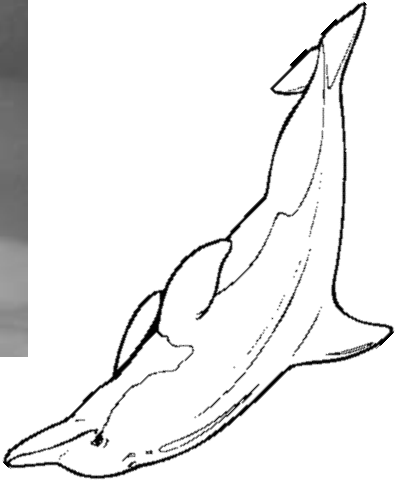
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I have a sleek body and a strong tail to swim fast.
I live in a group called a pod, and I like to eat fish.
I whistle to talk to other dolphins.

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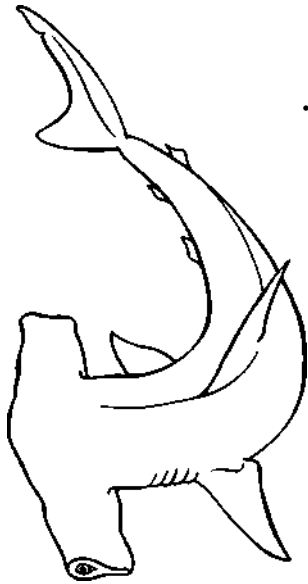
I am a dolphin.





I am a walrus, and I have ivory tusks.
I use them to dig for clams and to protect myself.
I live on ice and in cold water.
My thick layer of fat keeps me warm.

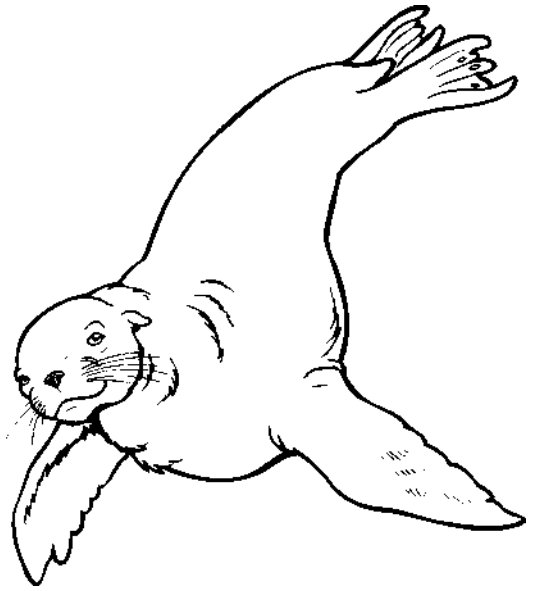
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I am a hammerhead shark, and
my head has a very funny shape.
My eyes and nostrils are at the ends of lobes.
I like to eat fish.

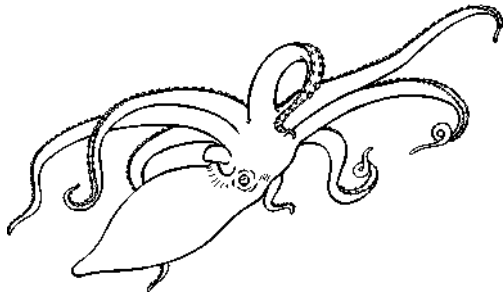
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I am a California sea lion.
 I am smart, noisy, and playful.
 I bark like a dog, and I am covered by short fur.
 I eat squid, octopus, and fish.

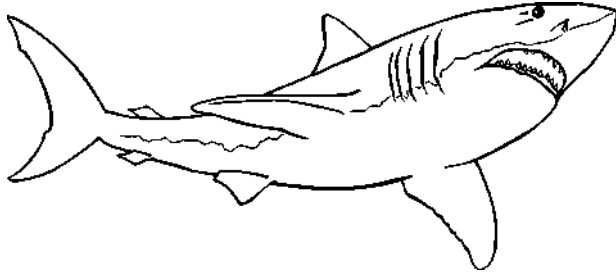
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I am an octopus.
 I have a soft body and no skeleton.
 I have eight arms with suckers.
 I shoot black ink from my body
 to hide and escape from danger.
 I can also change the color of my skin.

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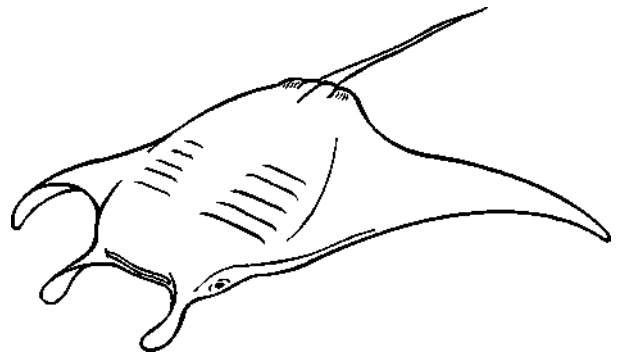
I am a great white shark.
I am a large and fierce shark.
I have very sharp teeth
that are shaped like triangles.
I eat seals, dolphins, and fish.

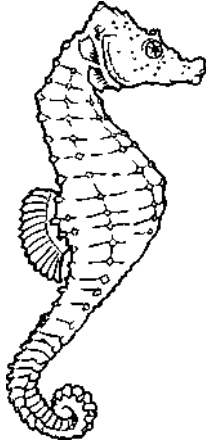


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I am a manta ray.
I have fins that look like wings.
I am related to stingrays, but I do not sting.

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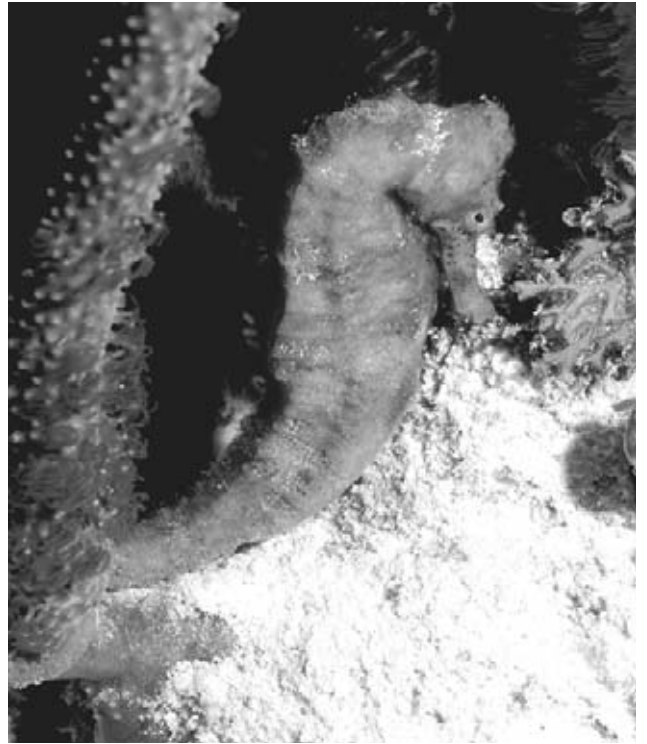
I am a sea horse,
but I am not a horse.

I am a fish.

I change color to hide.

Shrimp are my favorite food.

Male sea horses, not females, carry eggs until they hatch.



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I am covered with leathery skin instead of a shell.

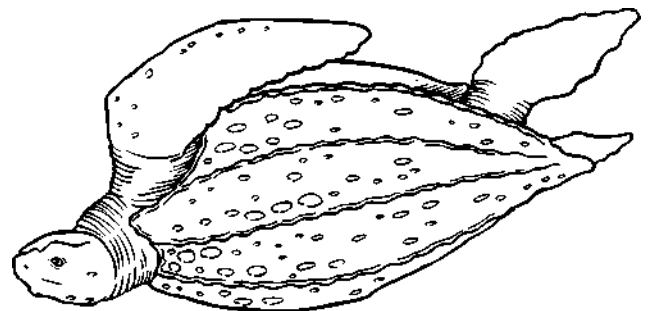


Jellyfish are my favorite food.

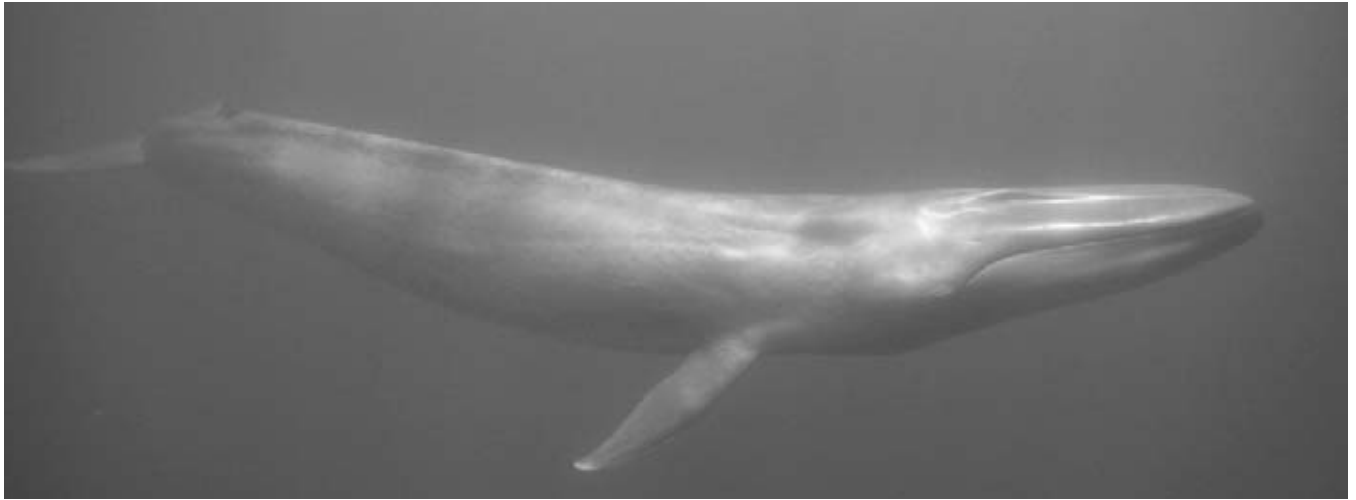
I lay eggs on land.

the biggest turtle in the world.

I am a leatherback turtle,



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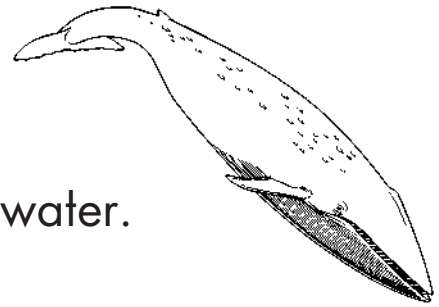


I am a blue whale.

I am the largest mammal ever to live.

I make deep sounds that move through water.

I eat tiny animals called krill.



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The ocean is home to all these animals.
Many of them are endangered.
They all suffer because of pollution and hunting.
Keeping our oceans clean will help keep these animals alive.

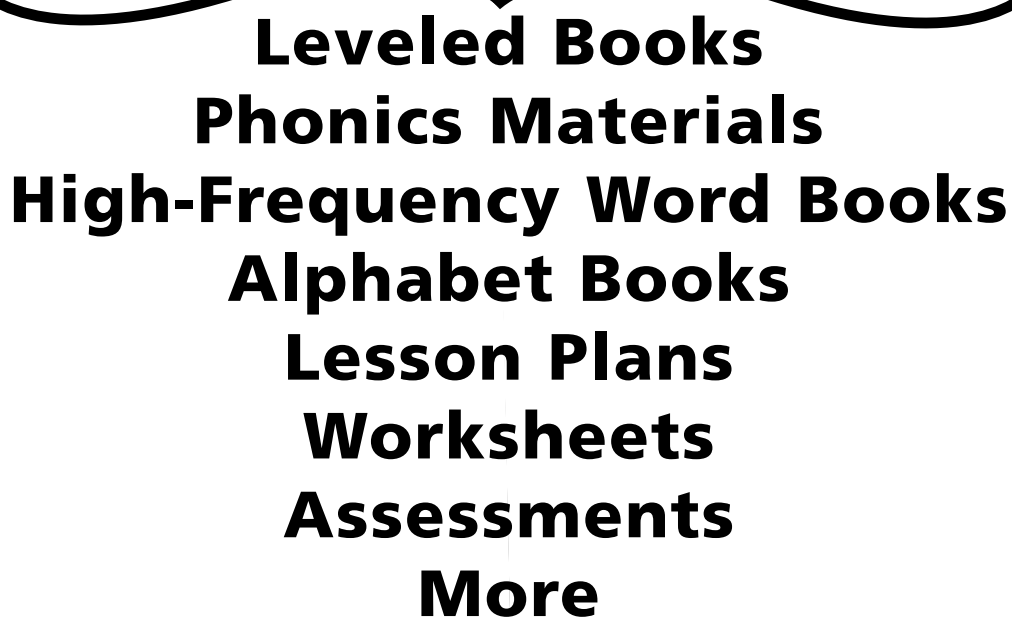
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