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🔊 You can see many animals  
at the aquarium.

Some are big, and some are small.

Some are cute, and some are not.

All of them love the water.



Here is a jellyfish.

Jellyfish look very strange.

Jellyfish **drift** in the water  
and sometimes sting other animals.



Jellyfish

Here are lots and lots of starfish!  
You may pet them.  
Starfish feel bumpy  
and have points like a star.  
They move very slowly.



Starfish

Here is a shark.

Don't pet it!

Sharks have sharp teeth  
and swim fast.

They eat smaller, weaker fish.



Here is a sea horse!

Horses that live on land have four legs, but this sea horse has no legs. It holds on to plants with its curly tail.



Sea horse

Here is a blue lobster!

There are **millions** of lobsters  
in the world.

But very few of them are blue.



Blue lobster



- Here is a beluga whale!  
The beluga whale is a small whale.  
But it is still bigger than you!

Beluga whale



Here is an octopus!

An octopus has eight legs.

An octopus can make a cloud  
of ink around itself.

The ink hides it from enemies.



Octopus

🔊 The aquarium has many animals.  
Can you **decide** which one  
you want to see first?



# Responding



## TARGET SKILL

## Fact and Opinion

Which ideas in this book are facts that can be proved? Which ideas are opinions, or feelings? Copy and complete the chart below.

Facts	Opinions
An octopus has eight legs.	Some animals are cute.
?	?



## Write About It

**Text to Self** Pretend you are going to visit an aquarium. Write a few sentences that tell what animals you will see. Include some adverbs that tell how the animals move.



### TARGET VOCABULARY

choices

decide

disgusting

drift

millions

simple

weaker

wrapped



### TARGET SKILL

**Fact and Opinion** Tell if an idea can be proved or is a feeling.



### TARGET STRATEGY

**Monitor/Clarify** Find ways to figure out what doesn't make sense.



**GENRE Informational text** gives facts about a topic.

**Level:** H

**DRA:** 14

**Genre:**

Informational

**Strategy:**

Monitor/Clarify

**Skill:**

Fact and Opinion

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