



Ocean Biodiversity

The ocean is a vast and enchanting realm filled with an incredible diversity of life. Did you know that it covers more than 70% of the Earth's surface and is home to millions of species, from the tiniest plankton to the largest whales? In this guide, we invite you and the children in your life to dive into the world beneath the waves.

Ocean Storytime

Make up story about a journey through the ocean. Who do you meet along the way? Invent characters such as fish, turtles, octopuses, and whales, each with their own unique traits. Use your imagination to see how many different creatures you can encounter on your deep sea adventure.

Bring your favorite stuffed animal along as your co-pilot, and pretend a couch or bed is your submarine!

Grab some markers, crayons, paints, and large sheets of paper to create colorful posters that include different marine animals and plants that live among coral reefs, in a kelp forest or anywhere else in the big blue ocean! Label each plant and animal by name. Then hang the posters around the house as a reminder of how many creatures thrive in the ocean.

How many of these marine animals have you spotted with your own eyes? Which one would you like to see next—and why?

Deep Blue Art

Did You Hear That?

Play a fun guessing game by listening to different ocean sounds, such as waves crashing, whales singing, dolphins clicking and seagulls squawking. (YouTube can be a great resource for a variety of audio recordings.) After each sound is played, guess which marine animal or natural phenomenon you heard.

Can you use your other senses? What do you hear, feel, smell and taste when you listen to ocean sounds?