



Georgie Grouper, Fish Detective

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**The
Mystery
of the
Missing
Friend**

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The Story

Georgie Grouper, Fish Detective is on a mission. There's something fishy in the water and he's investigating. Trouble seems to be everywhere as his partner has disappeared while on the case. Georgie Grouper searches the seven seas to find his friend, and the answer to his question: What's fishy in the water?

In the mangrove swamps he asks the Crabs. In the gulf he listens to the Manatee. Beyond the reefs he questions the Sharks and an Octopus. They encourage him to see out the largest creature in the world. No, none of them are the problem, but they know who. Do you?

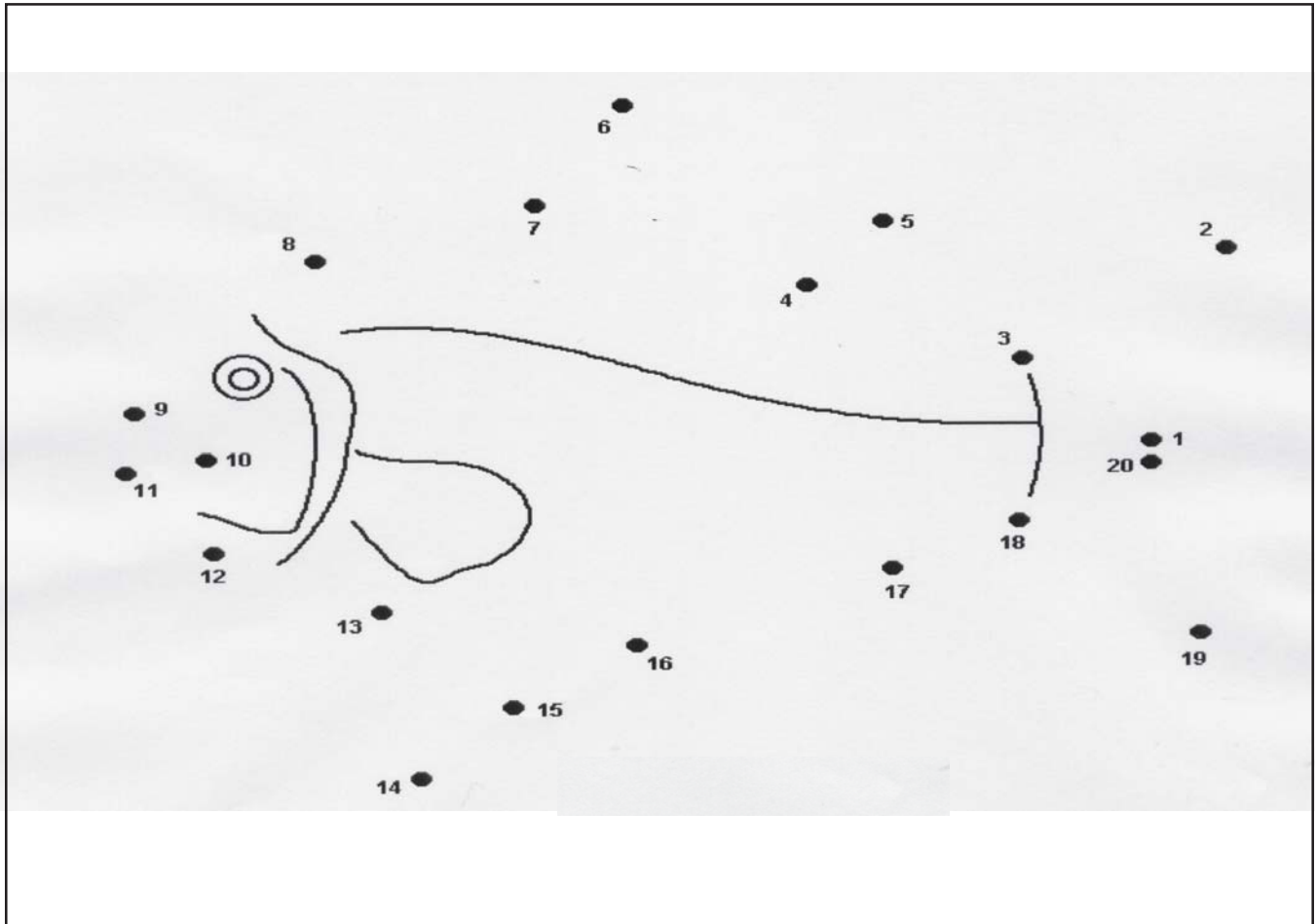
Questions to ask before the show...

1. What will the characters look like? Have the students draw their ideas.
2. Will there be music? Can music tell about emotions? Think of a happy song. Think of a sad song.
Without the words is the song still happy or sad?
3. Think about the title of the play. Ask students to imagine the plot of the story.

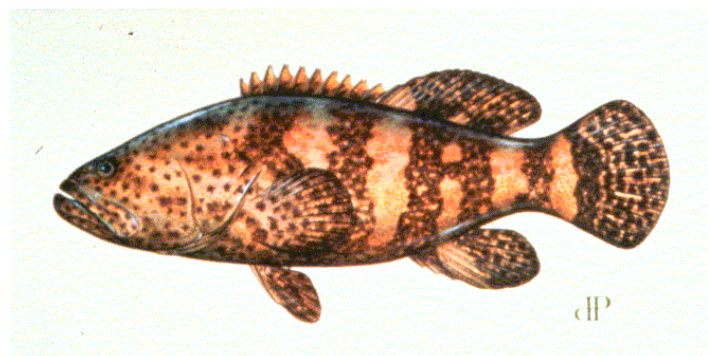
Questions to ask after the show...

1. What did you like best about the show? What did you like the least?
2. Do you have to listen carefully to the words to understand the story?
3. Which character is your favorite? Why?
4. What was the mood of the show? Happy, scary, sad?

Georgie the Grouper



Grouper are the largest members of the sea bass family in the Atlantic Ocean. Goliath grouper may be five feet long! The body is robust and long; its widest point is more than half its total length. The head is broad with small eyes. Fins on the back have spines. The tail fin is rounded.



Other Puppet Ideas for the Classroom

Science

Make simple paper cut out puppets and present the water cycle. Show it rain, fill the lake, sink into the ground, feed the plants, evaporate and begin again.

Literature

Make puppets to act out a scene from a book you are currently reading. Use shadow puppets cut from cardboard and projected with an overhead projector.

Cultures

Investigate the puppets traditionally seen by children of a specific country. Find paintings and pictures of their puppets. Make a show from one of their traditional stories.

History

Make a show based on past history of what's happening in the news today. Make a cardboard box puppet stage that looks like a television screen or an old history book.

Art

Study famous paintings and make puppets of the figures. Tie to March with the World Day of Puppetry or April with America's Day of Puppetry.

Music

Team up with the music teacher to write a show. Compose songs about "Who you are" and "What you want" or "How I'll get in the Way". Video tape for class enjoyment.

Vocabulary

Art-

The use of a variety of means to express ideas, entertain and enlighten.

Blocking-

The movement of characters on the stage as planned by the director.

Composer-

The artist who creates original music.

Dance-

The expressive use of the body to convey a story, emotion and or pleasing visual effect.

Marionette-

A string puppet operated from overhead.

Music-

The art of making sound tell a story or have a meaning.

Puppet-

An inanimate object made to seem alive by the puppeteer who performs the show.

Script-

The written dialogue and stage action description

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle:
1. String/Shadow
2. Finger
3. Shadow
4. Giant
5. Rod

Types of Puppets

Word Scramble Clues

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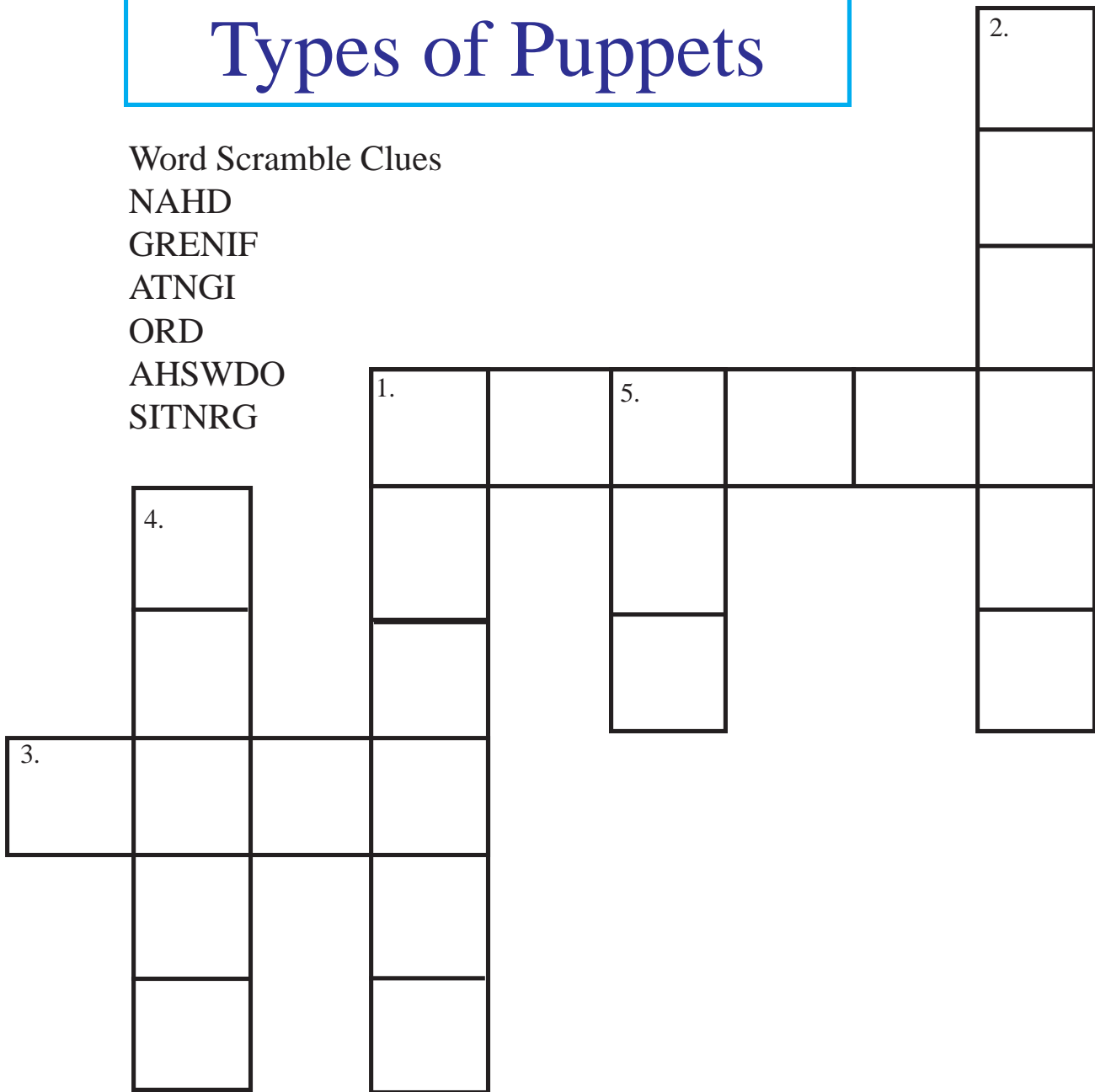
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Clues

ACROSS

- 1.) These puppets are worked from above and very good for flying. In France say "Marionette".
- 3.) Mr. Punch is one of these. It attaches to your arm.

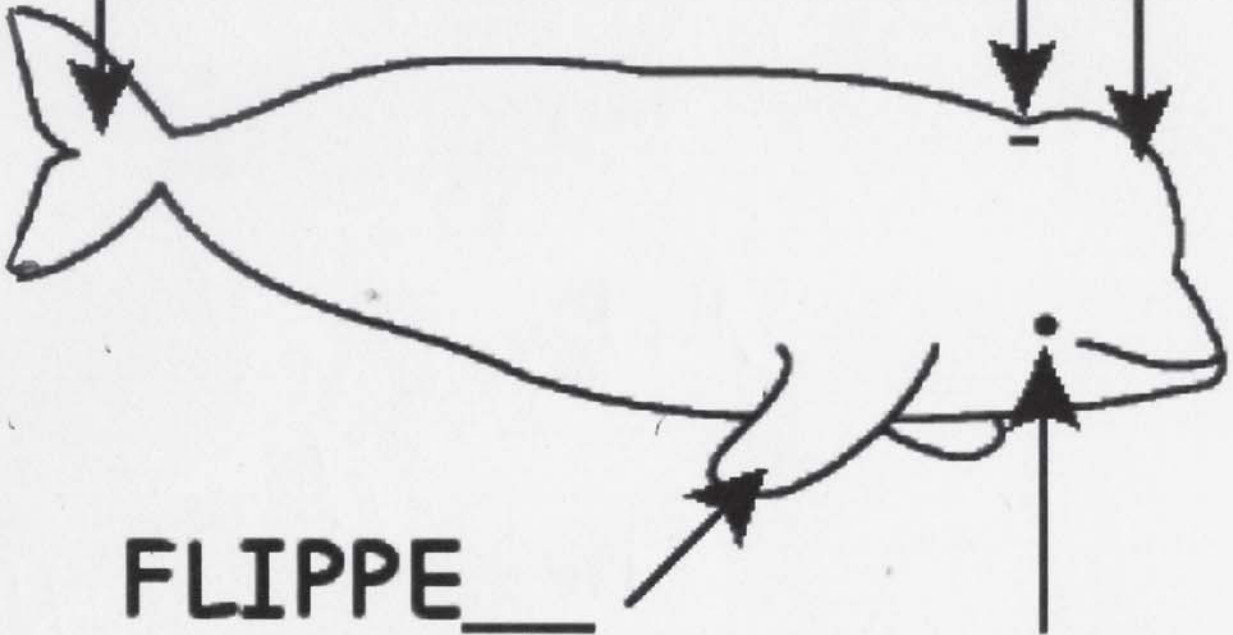
DOWN

- 1.) Even with a bright stage light you can't see this puppet, you just see it's _____.
- 2.) You can put five of these puppets on one hand.
- 4.) Bits 'N Pieces' one and only, really big puppet.
- 5.) These European and Javanese puppets are worked from underneath with sticks.

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BLOW__OLE

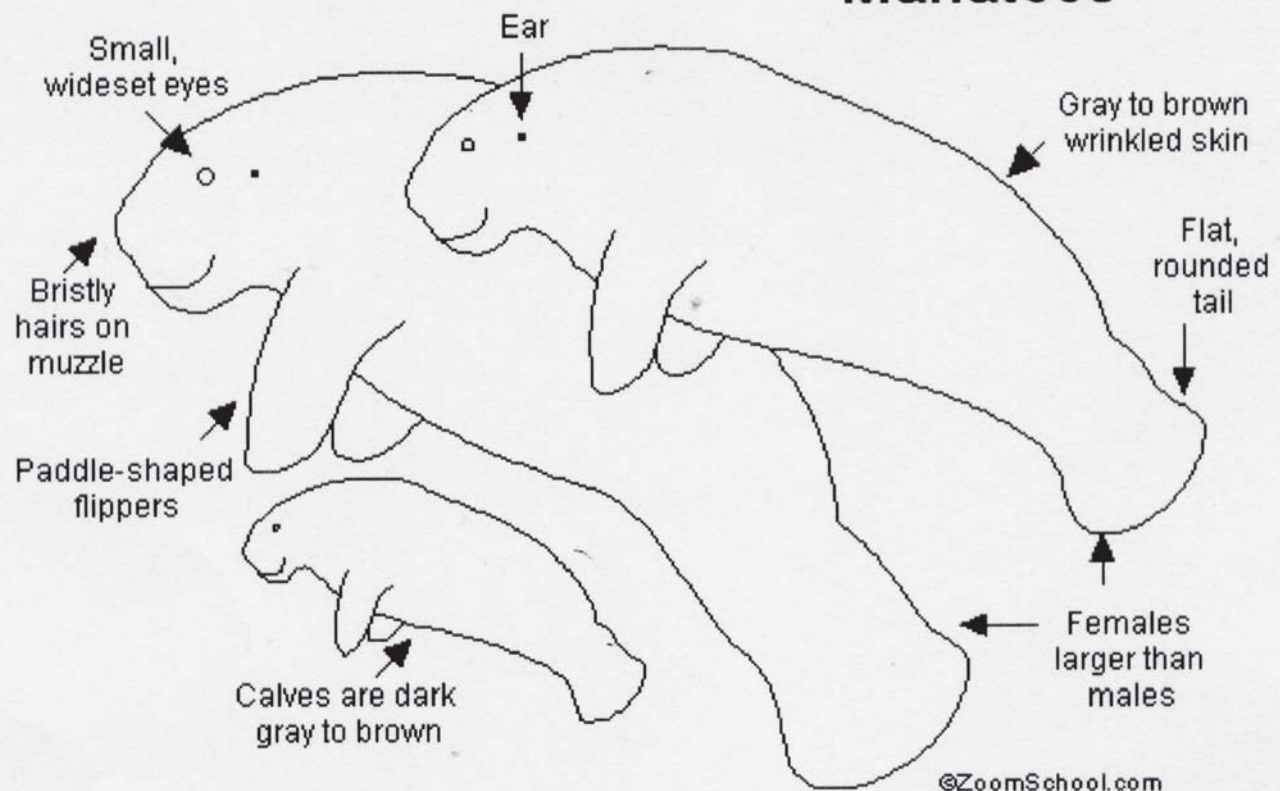


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Beluga whales are white.

Manatees



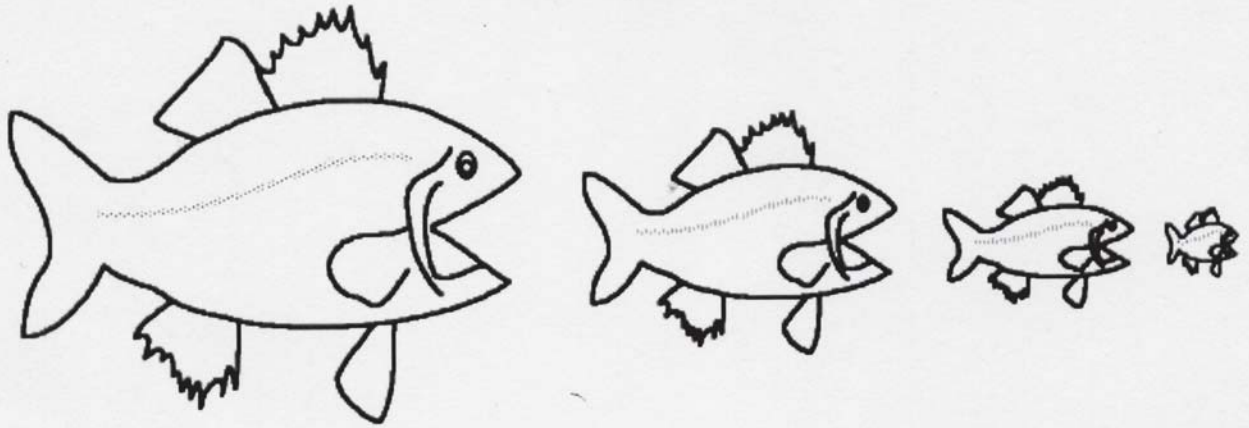
Manatees are aquatic mammals that live their lives in the warm, shallow waters on the coast and in canals. They breathe air through nostrils into their lungs, and can stay underwater for up to 20 minutes.

Also called sea cows, these slow swimmers eat water plants with their molars (flat teeth). An adult can eat 100-150 pounds (45-67 kg) of food each day. The average adult manatee grows to be about 12 feet (3.6 m) long and weighs about 1,800 pounds (800 kg). The manatee life span is roughly 60 years.

Manatees give birth to a calf after a year long gestation period. At birth the calf is 3 to 4 feet (1-1.3 m) long and weighs 60 - 70 pounds (27-32 kg), bigger than most first graders.

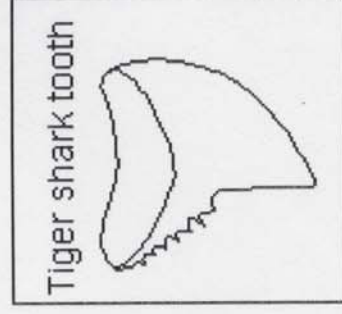
Write a story about the picture.

Name _____



Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line for letter height guidance. There are ten such sets of lines provided for writing a story.

Tiger Shark

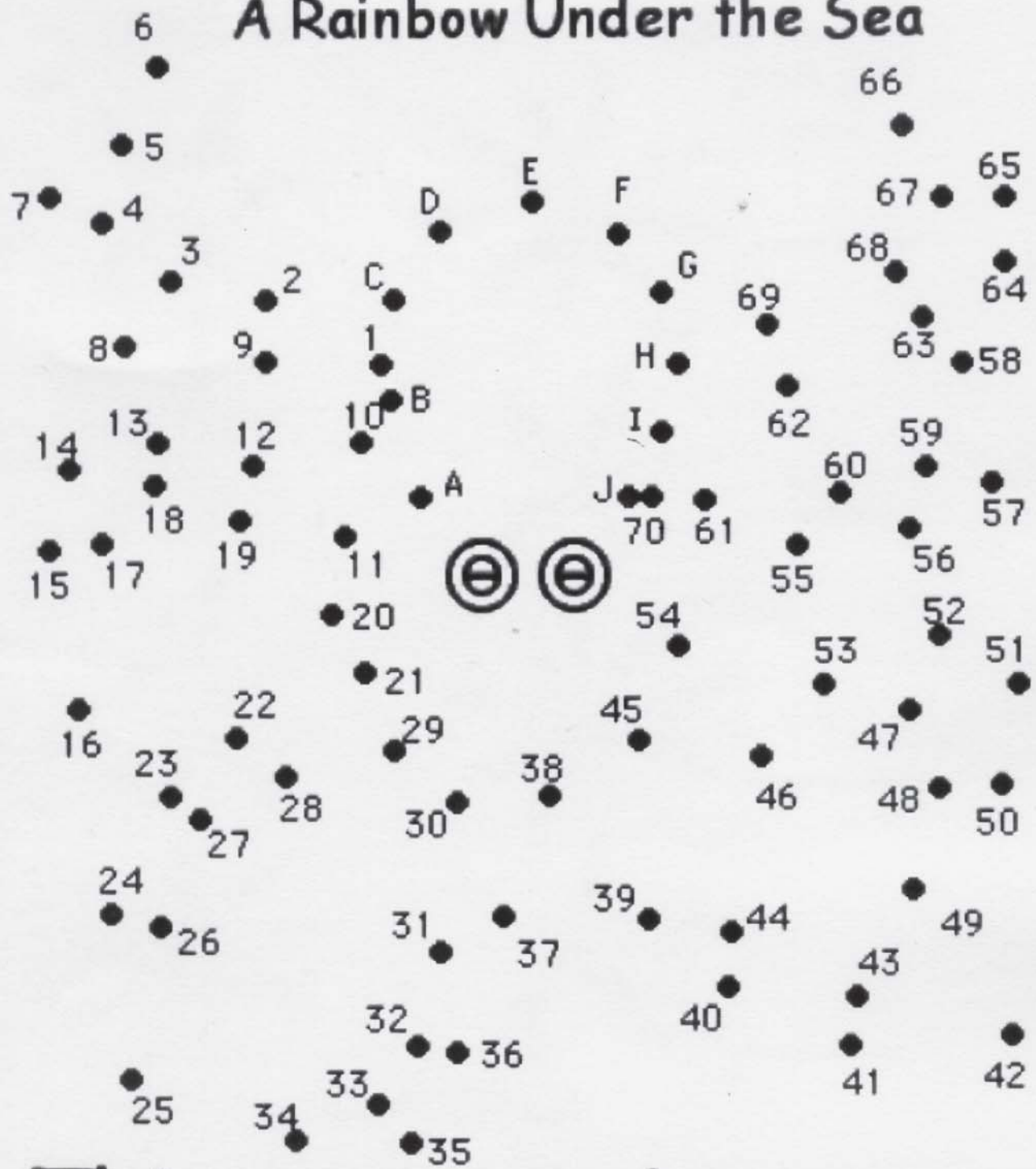


Tiger shark tooth

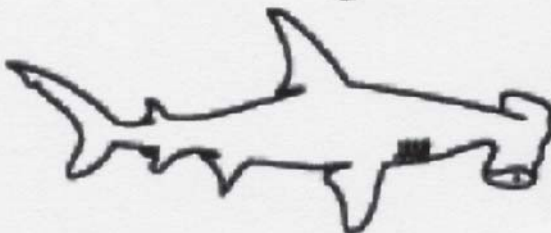
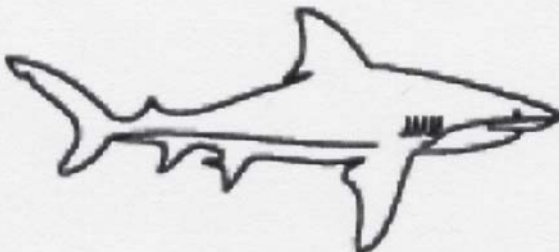
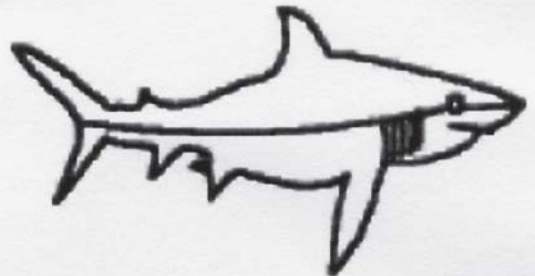
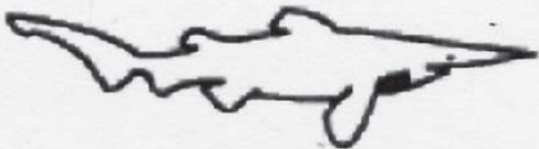
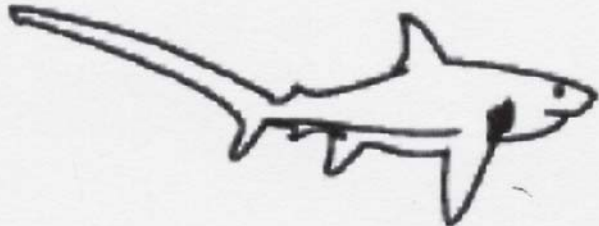
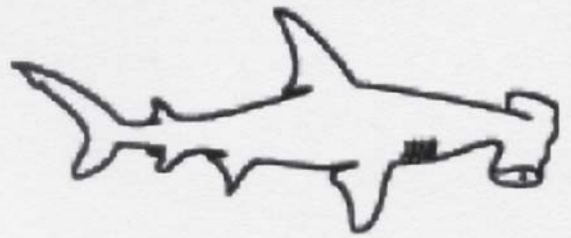
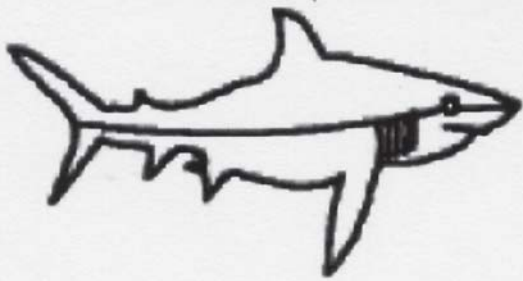


The Tiger shark, *Galeocerdo cuvier*, is a fierce predatory fish with tiger-like markings. It averages 10 feet (3 m) long. It eats fish, including other sharks, lobsters, turtles, sealions, and just about anything else. Tiger sharks are found worldwide in warm seas.

A Rainbow Under the Sea



This octopus is green.



Match the sharks

Label the Earth's Oceans

Read the definitions, then label the map below.

Definitions

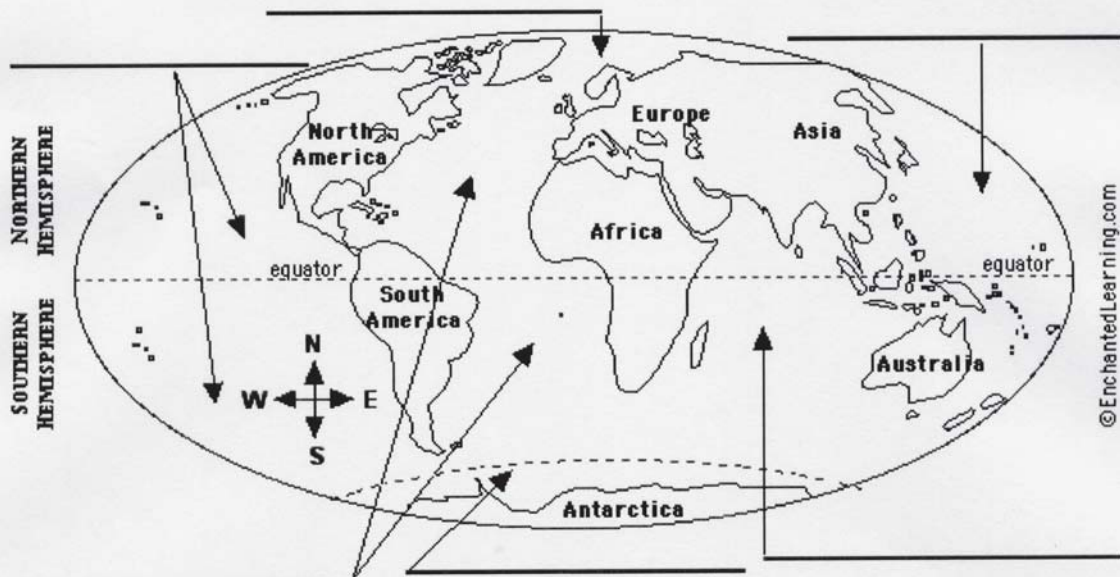
Arctic Ocean - an ocean around the North Pole, bordering northern Europe, Asia and North America. It is the smallest ocean.

Atlantic Ocean - an ocean bordering western Europe, western Africa, Antarctica, and eastern North and South America.

Indian Ocean - an ocean bordering eastern Africa, southern Asia, western Australia, and Antarctica.

Pacific Ocean - an ocean bordering eastern Asia, northeastern Australia, Antarctica, and western North and South America. It is the biggest ocean.

Southern Ocean - the ocean bordering Antarctica and extending from 60 degrees latitude. This fifth ocean was recognized by the International Hydrographic Organization in the spring of 2000.





Hokusai: The Great Wave Off Kanagawa

Katsushika Hokusai (October, 1760-April 18, 1849) was a Japanese painter and printmaker from the Edo Period. He is most famous for his series of prints called "Thirty-Six Views of Mount Fuji" (produced during the period 1826-1833).



From Brandon

From Highway 60, go north on Vairico Road to Martin Luther King Blvd.
 Turn east (right) on MLK Blvd
 Go to McIntosh Road
 Turn north (left) onto McIntosh and go 1.5 miles YOU'RE THERE! We're on the Corner!
 Bits 'N Pieces is on your left at Tom Gallagher Rd.

From Plant City/ Lakeland

Go west on I-4 to exit #14 (McIntosh Road)
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From Downtown Tampa

Take I-4 east to exit #14 (McIntosh Road)
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From Temple Terrace/ USF/New Tampa

Take I-75 south to I-4 east
 Follow "From Downtown Tampa" directions

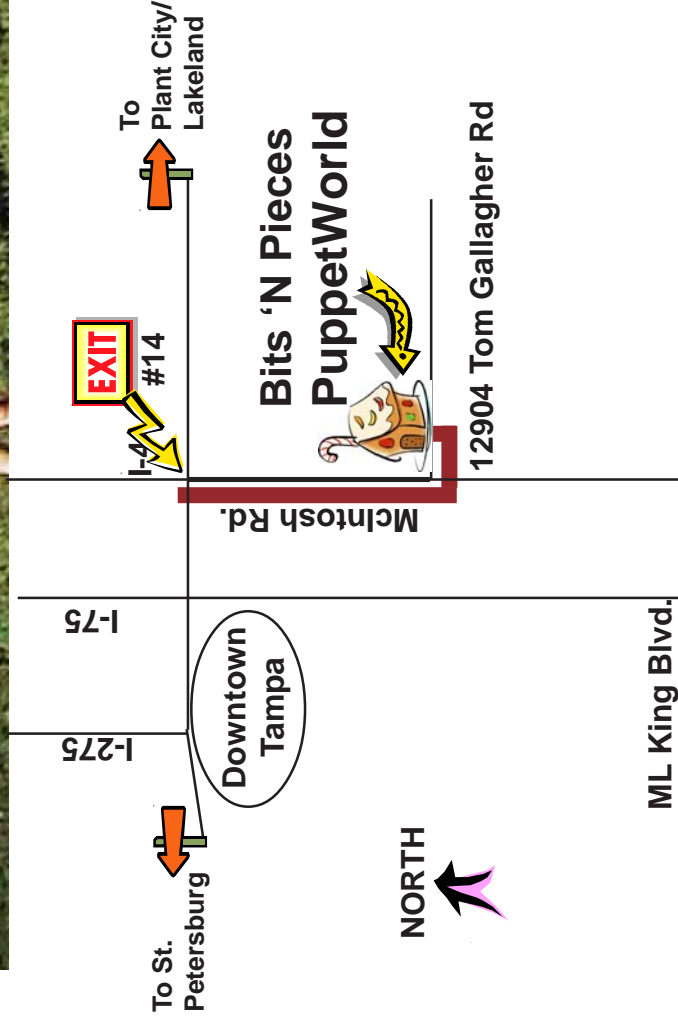
From Pinellas County

Take I-275 to Tampa
 Follow "From Downtown Tampa" directions

From Crosstown Expressway/Sarasota/Bradenton

Go north on I-75 to I-4 east
 Follow "From Downtown Tampa" directions

See You at the Show!!



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