Marine Biology Vocabulary

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Words go across, down or diagonally. No backwards words.

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C	O	R	A	L	O	A	I	A	N	R	O
Q	M	O	L	L	U	S	C	S	N	M	N

WORDS TO FIND

ALGAE
BENTHOS
CEPHALOPOD
CORAL
CRUSTACEAN
ECHINODERM
FOOD WEB
GILL
LARVA
MOLLUSC
NEKTON
PLANKTON
POLYP
SYMBIOSIS
TENTACLE

Learn what each word means on the next page.

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WORD MEANINGS

Read the meanings, then try using a new word in a sentence.

Plankton
Organisms carried mainly by water currents, from tiny cells to jellyfish.

Nekton
Animals that can swim against currents, such as fish and dolphins.

Benthos
Organisms living on, in or close to the seabed.

Algae
Organisms that usually live in water and make food using light.

Coral
A marine animal that often lives in colonies; some kinds build reefs.

Polyp
A body form with a mouth surrounded by tentacles, found in corals and anemones.

Mollusc
An animal with a soft body, such as a mussel, snail or octopus.

Crustacean
An animal with a hard outer covering and jointed legs, such as a crab.

Cephalopod
A mollusc with arms or tentacles around its head, such as a squid or octopus.

Echinoderm
A marine animal with spiny skin, such as a starfish or sea urchin.

Gill
An organ used by many aquatic animals to take oxygen from water.

Tentacle
A flexible limb used by some animals to feel, feed or catch prey.

Larva
An early stage of an animal's life that looks different from the adult.

Food Web
A network showing how feeding relationships connect living things.

Symbiosis
A close relationship between living things of different species.

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