

Gentle Giant Octopus - August 2008

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A vivid account of a lesser-known creature of the deep, in which memorable illustrations and poetic descriptions convey the life of this sea giant.

Activities

Create a chart

Draw a chart and list descriptions of the features and habits of the giant octopus.

Giant octopus features	Like a
Shape	spaceship
Sinking	huge rubber flower

Shape a poem

In groups, children can create a shape poem, making a word picture of the gentle giant using felt pens in octopus colours.

Make a collage

Using tissue paper, inks or paint, children can create a watery seascape and the giant octopus moving gracefully within it.

Move like an octopus

During a hall session, children can use the space to move and behave like a giant octopus, with prompted reading from relevant sections of the book.

Design patterns of eight

Children can research in books and on the internet to collect pictures of octopi and create "giant" eight-sided shapes or patterns using squared paper, inks, collage and paint.



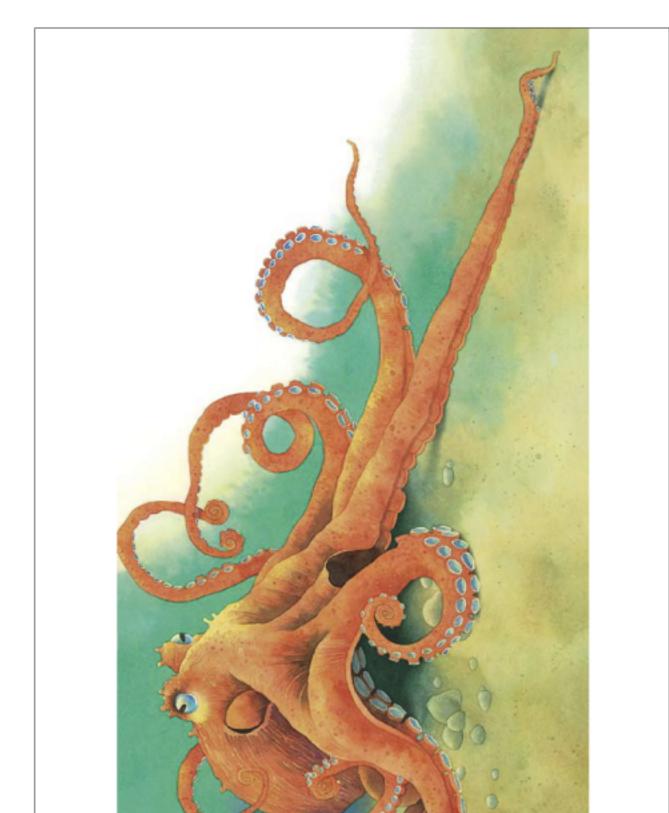


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