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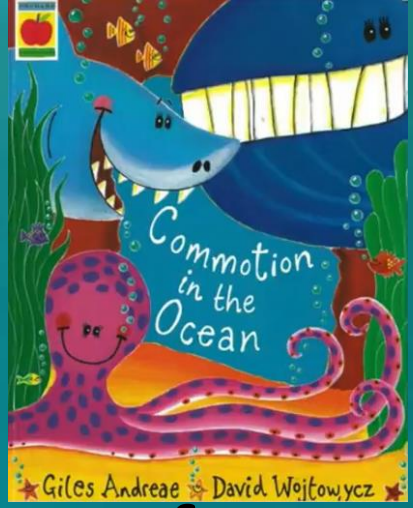



This week we will be reading:

Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae.

We will meet lots of underwater creatures and see some of things they get up to!

You may need an adult to help you read this book and complete the tasks afterwards.

There are 3 tasks to complete, you do not need to do them all in one go. We would recommend you complete one of the tasks each day, reading the book together before each task.

We hope you enjoy this book as much as we do!

# Challenges for Day 1

As you read through this book with your grown up, there are some extra questions added for you in green boxes.

When you see one of these questions, try to use your reading skills to help you answer them.

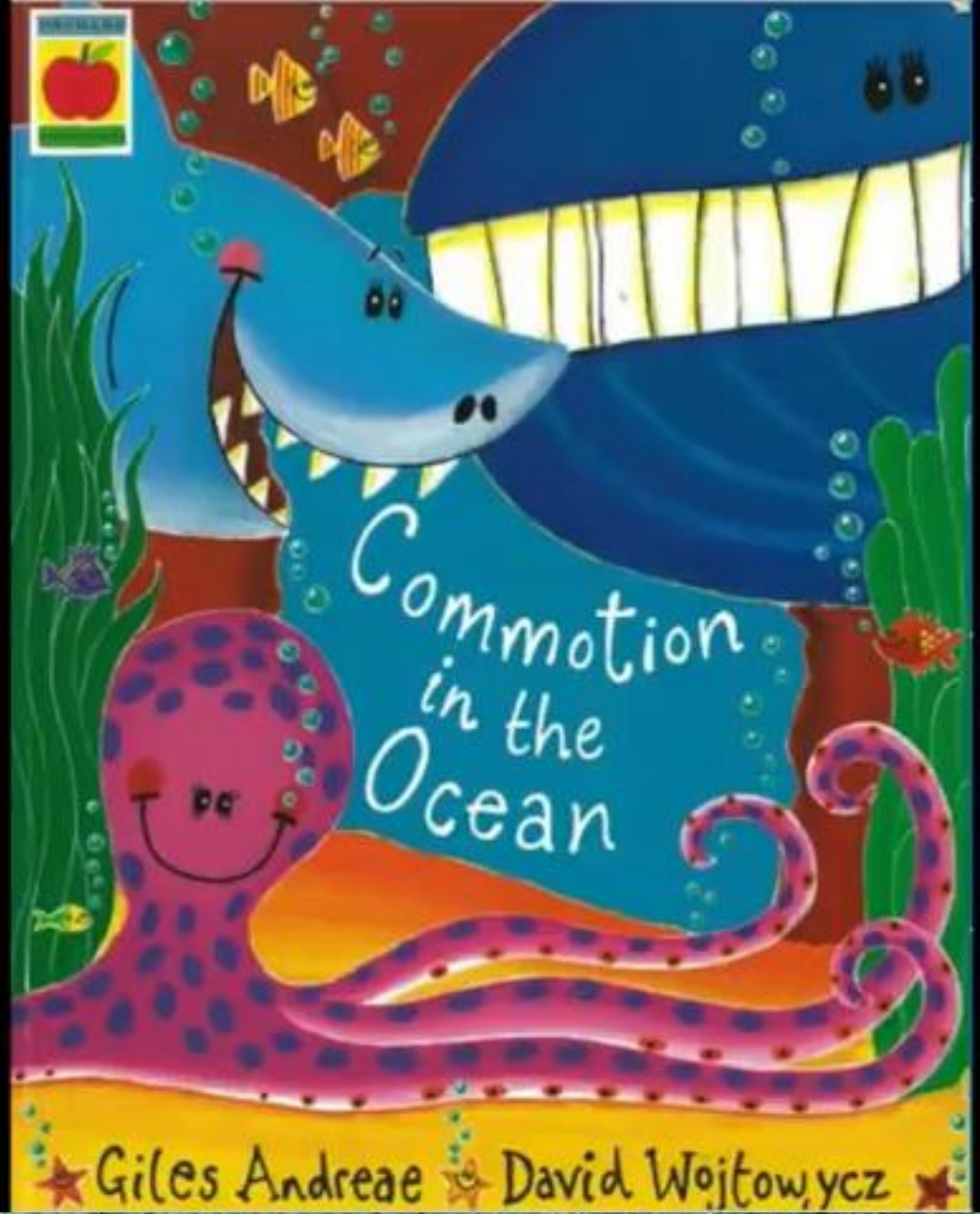
You might need to:

- Use what you have read on the page
- Have a closer look at the picture
- Use what you know about sea creatures.

Question boxes look like this!

Super i-spy challenge: Which creature appears on every page but doesn't have its own poem?

Remember: Many of these questions do not have a right or a wrong answer. Encourage your child to look carefully at the pictures or to think about what they have read to help generate their ideas.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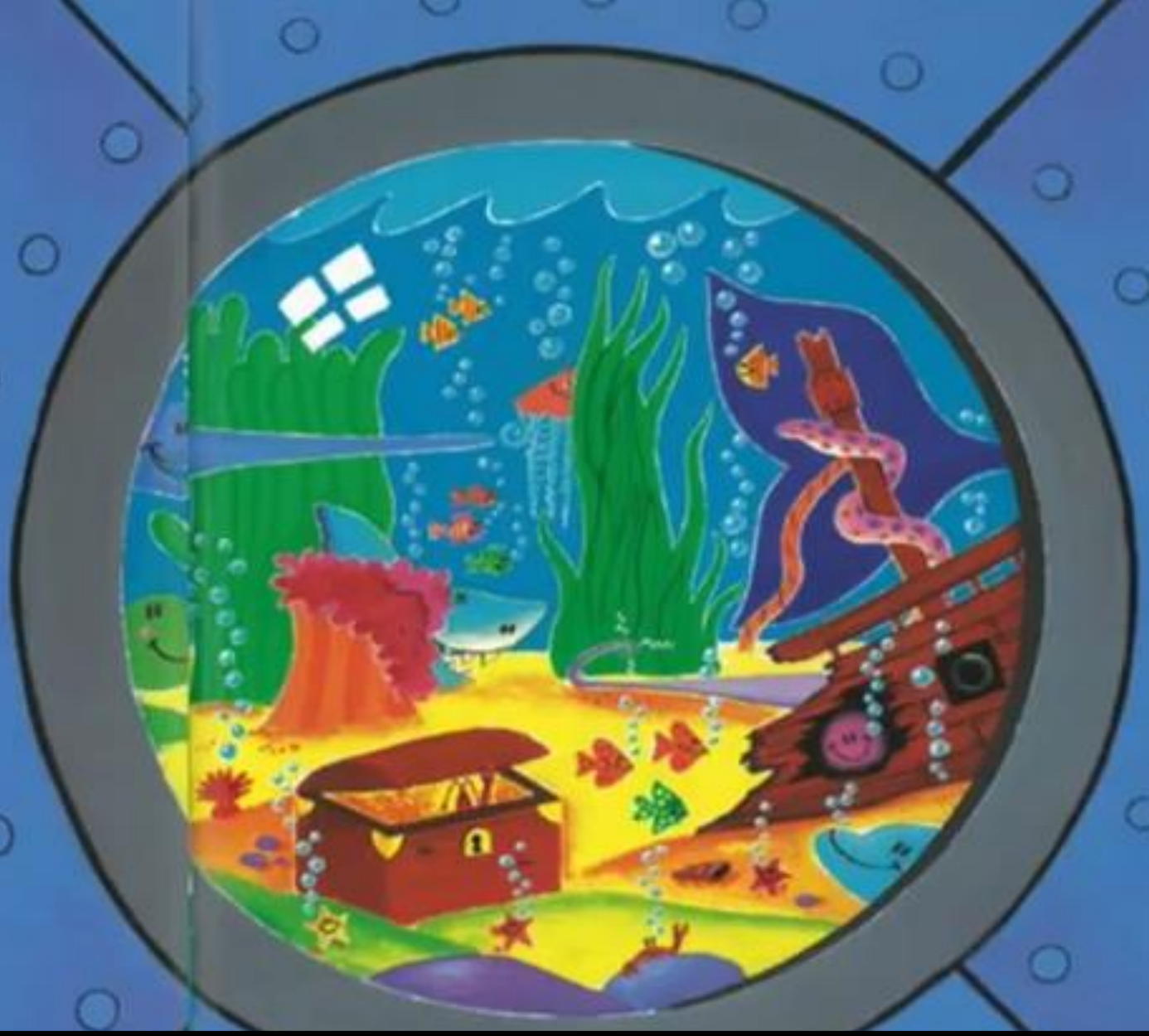
There's a curious commotion
At the bottom of the ocean
I think we ought to go and take a look.

You'll find every sort of creature
That lives beneath the sea
Swimming through the pages of this book.

There are dolphins, whales and penguins,
There are jellyfish and sharks,
There's the turtle and the big white polar bear.

But can you see behind the wrecks
And in-between the rocks?
Let's see if we can find who's hiding there ...



Take a closer look at this picture. Which animals do you think we might meet in this story? How do you know?

What do you think has happened to this little one?

# Crab

The crab likes walking sideways
And I think the reason why,
Is to make himself look sneaky
And pretend that he's a spy.

# Turtles

We crawl up the beach from the water
To bury our eggs on dry land,
We lay a whole batch
And then when they hatch
They scamper about in the sand.

pitter patter

pitter patter

squeak

squeak

# Dolphins

The wonderful thing about dolphins
Is hearing them trying to speak,
But it's not "how d'you do?"
Like I'd say to you,
It's more of a "click-whistle-squeak!"

# Angel Fish

Hello, I'm the angel fish, darling.
The prettiest thing in the sea,
What a shame there are no other creatures
As gorgeous and lovely as me!

jiggle jiggle

jiggle

# Jellyfish

The jellyfish just loves to jiggle
Which other fish think is quite dumb.
She knows that it's not all that useful
But jiggling's very good fun.

Shark
I swim with a grin up to greet you.
See how my jaws open wide.
Why don't you come a bit closer?
Please, take a good look inside . . .
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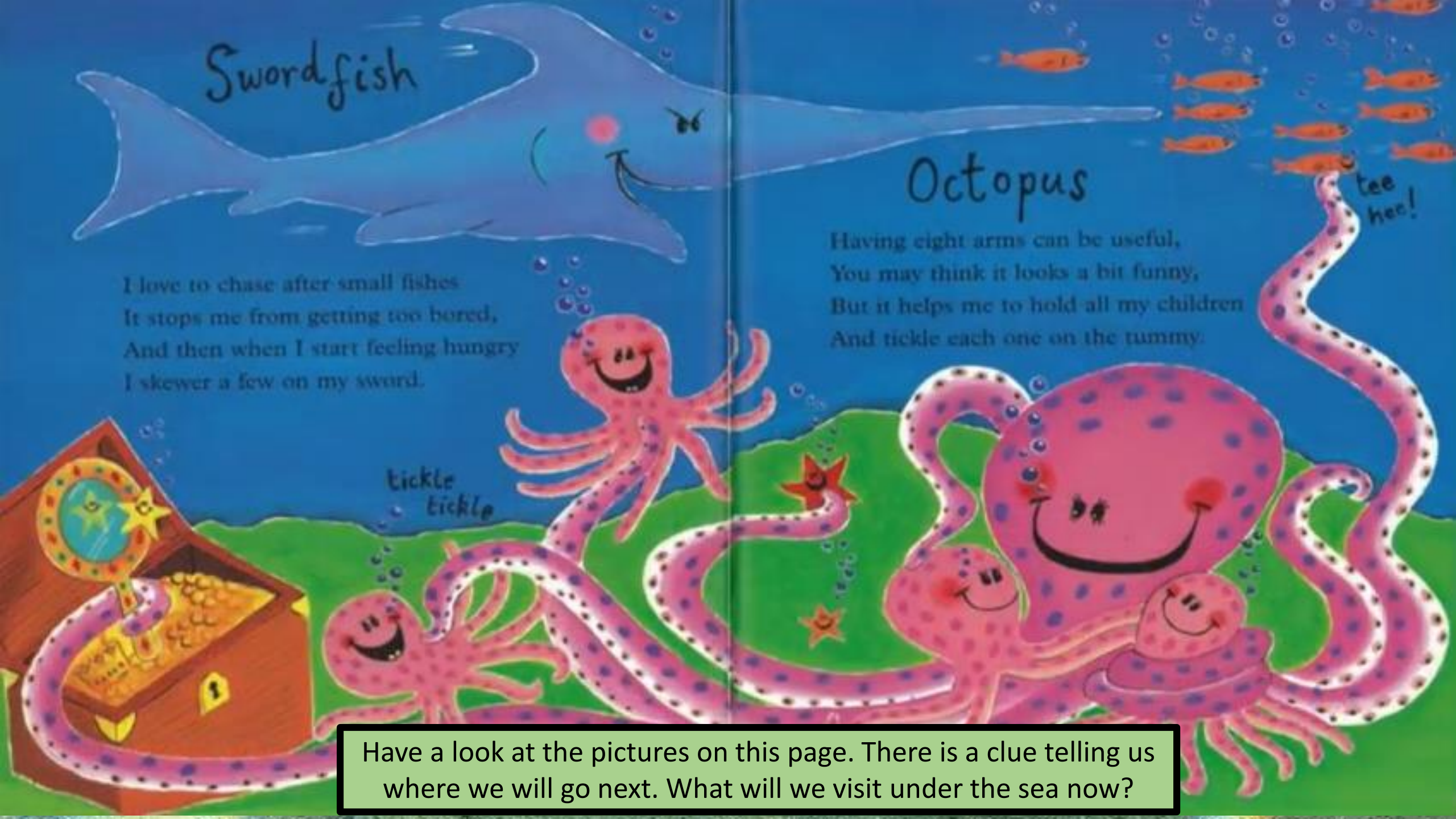
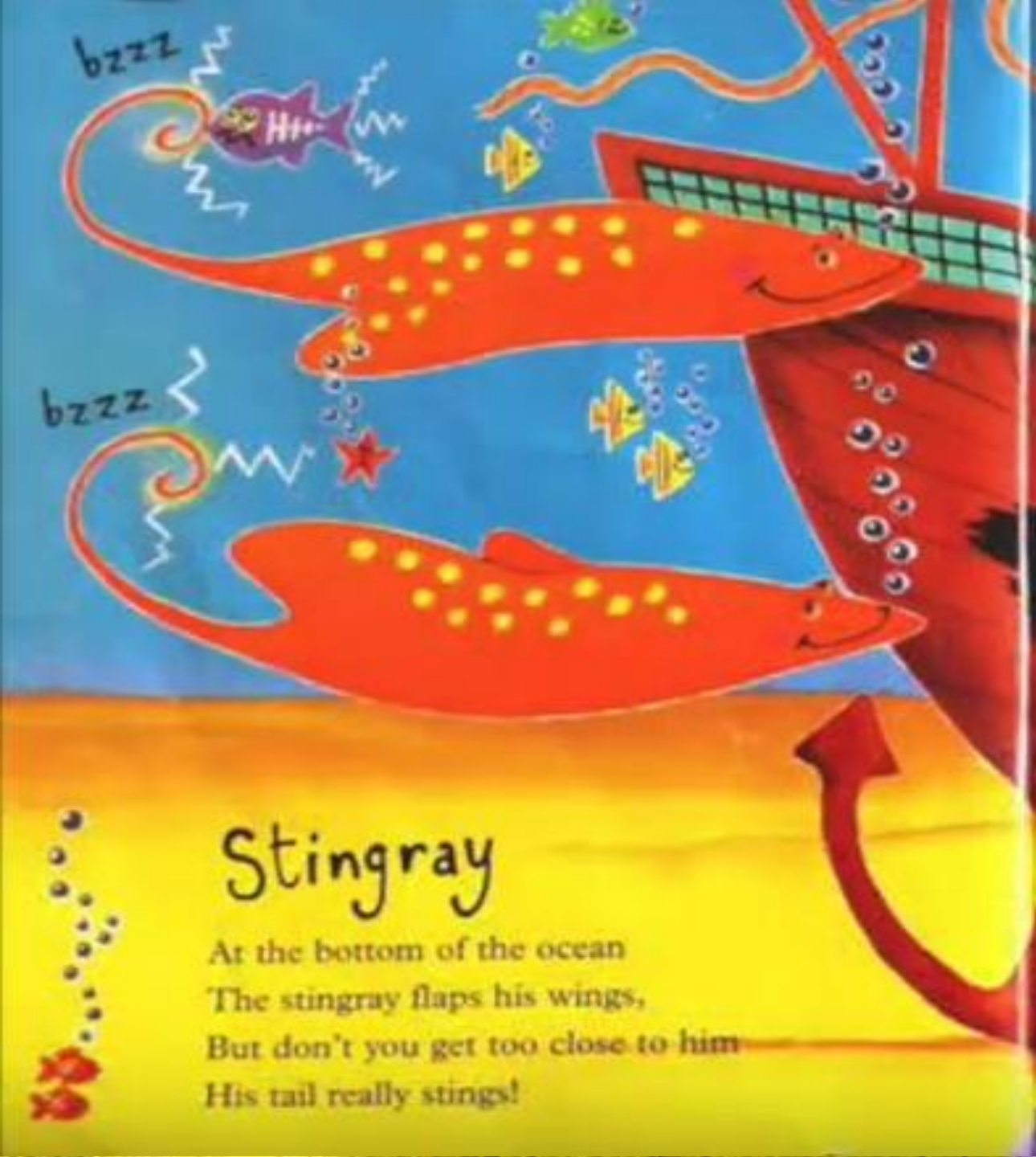



Have a look at the pictures on this page. There is a clue telling us where we will go next. What will we visit under the sea now?

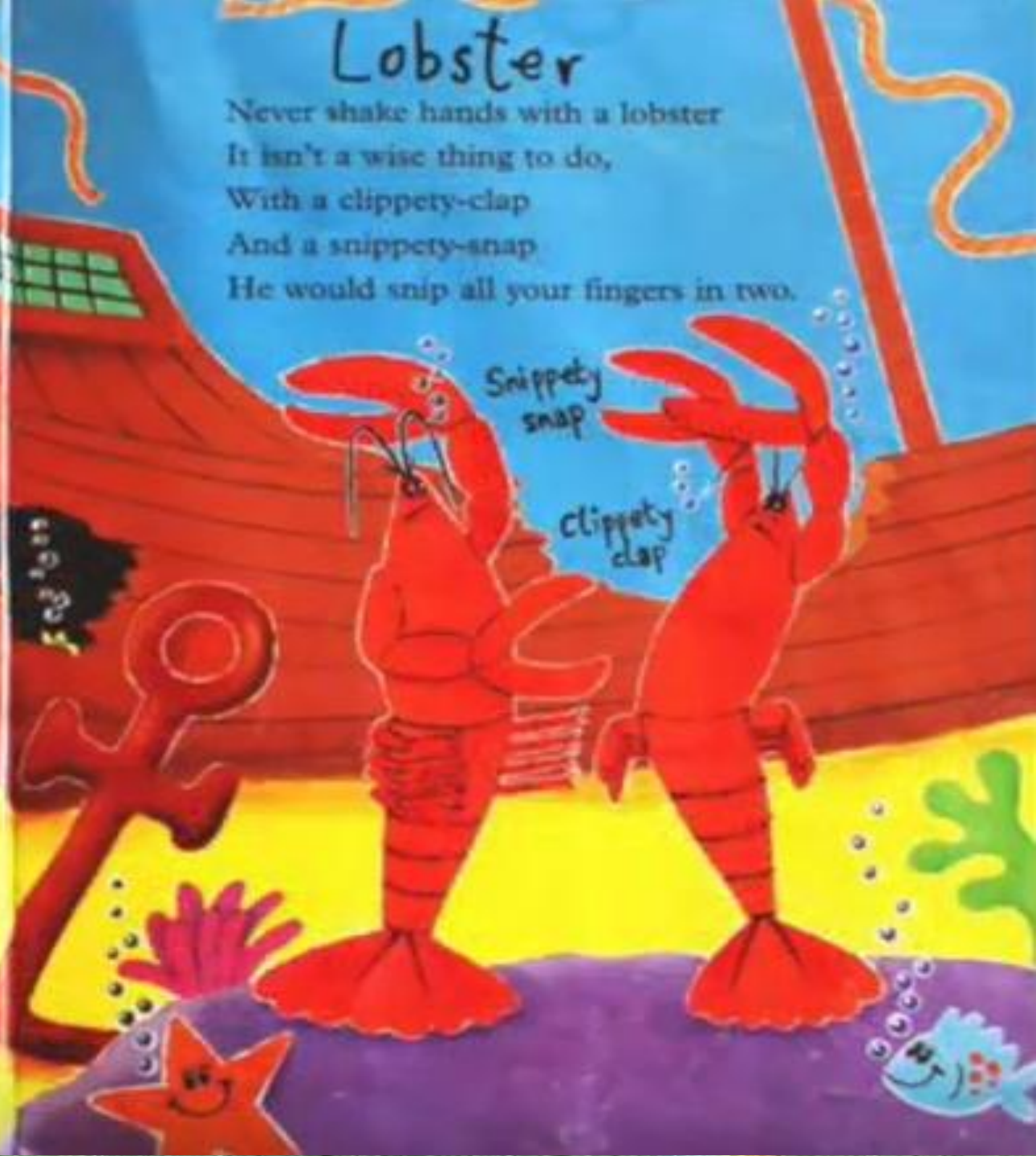


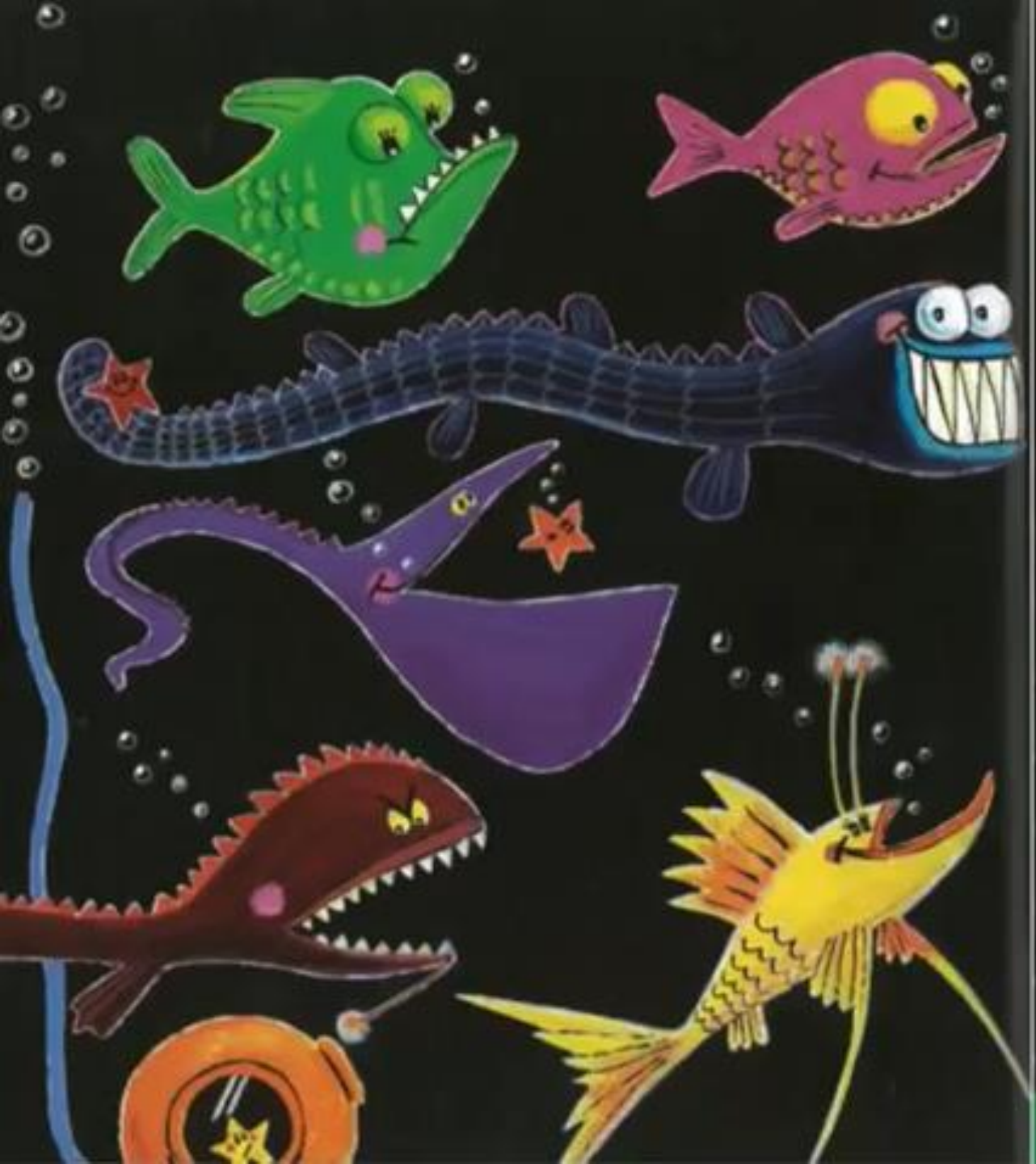

## Stingray

At the bottom of the ocean
The stingray flaps his wings,
But don't you get too close to him
His tail really stings!

## Lobster

Never shake hands with a lobster
It isn't a wise thing to do,
With a clippety-clap
And a snippety-snap
He would snip all your fingers in two.



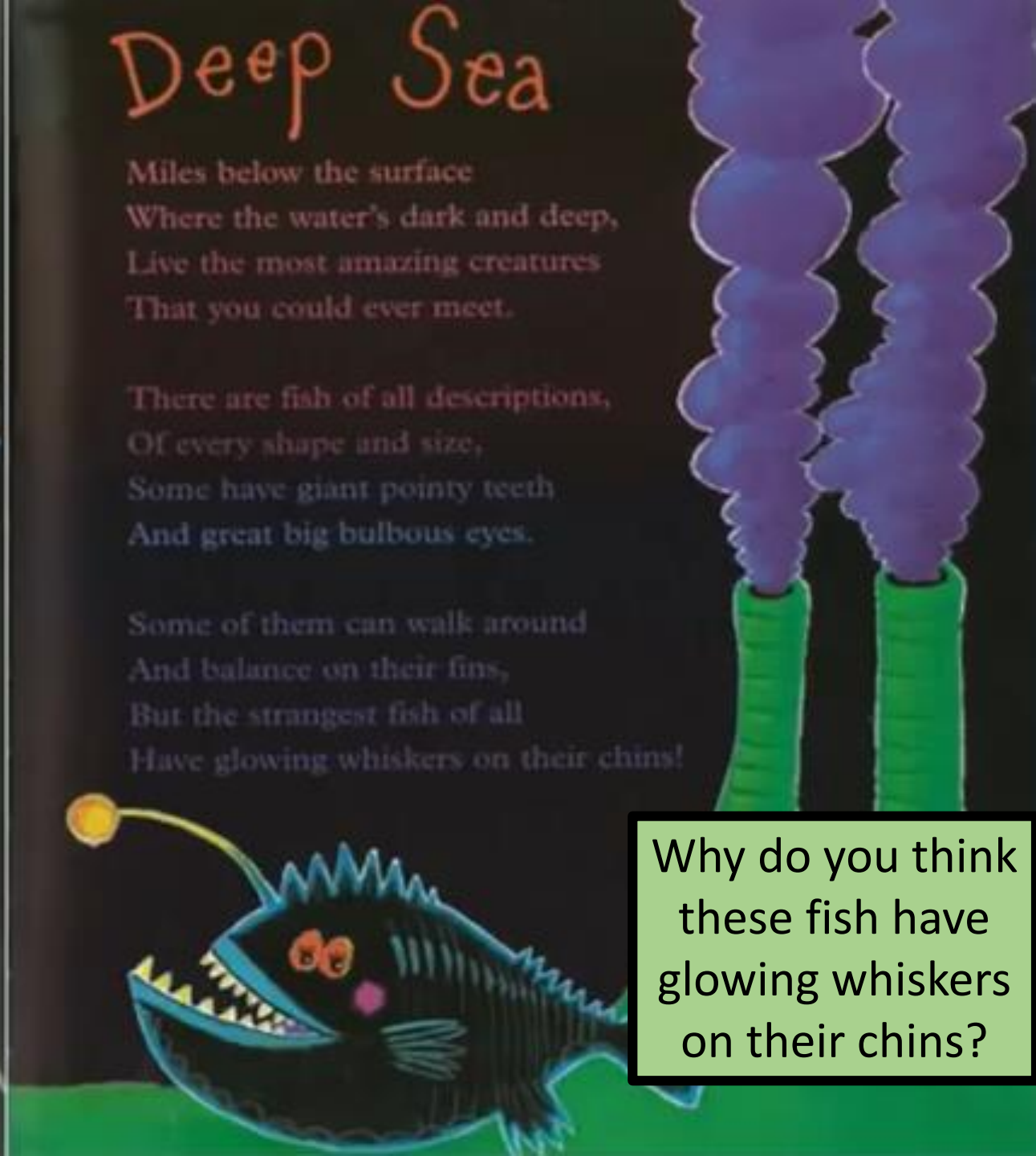


# Deep Sea

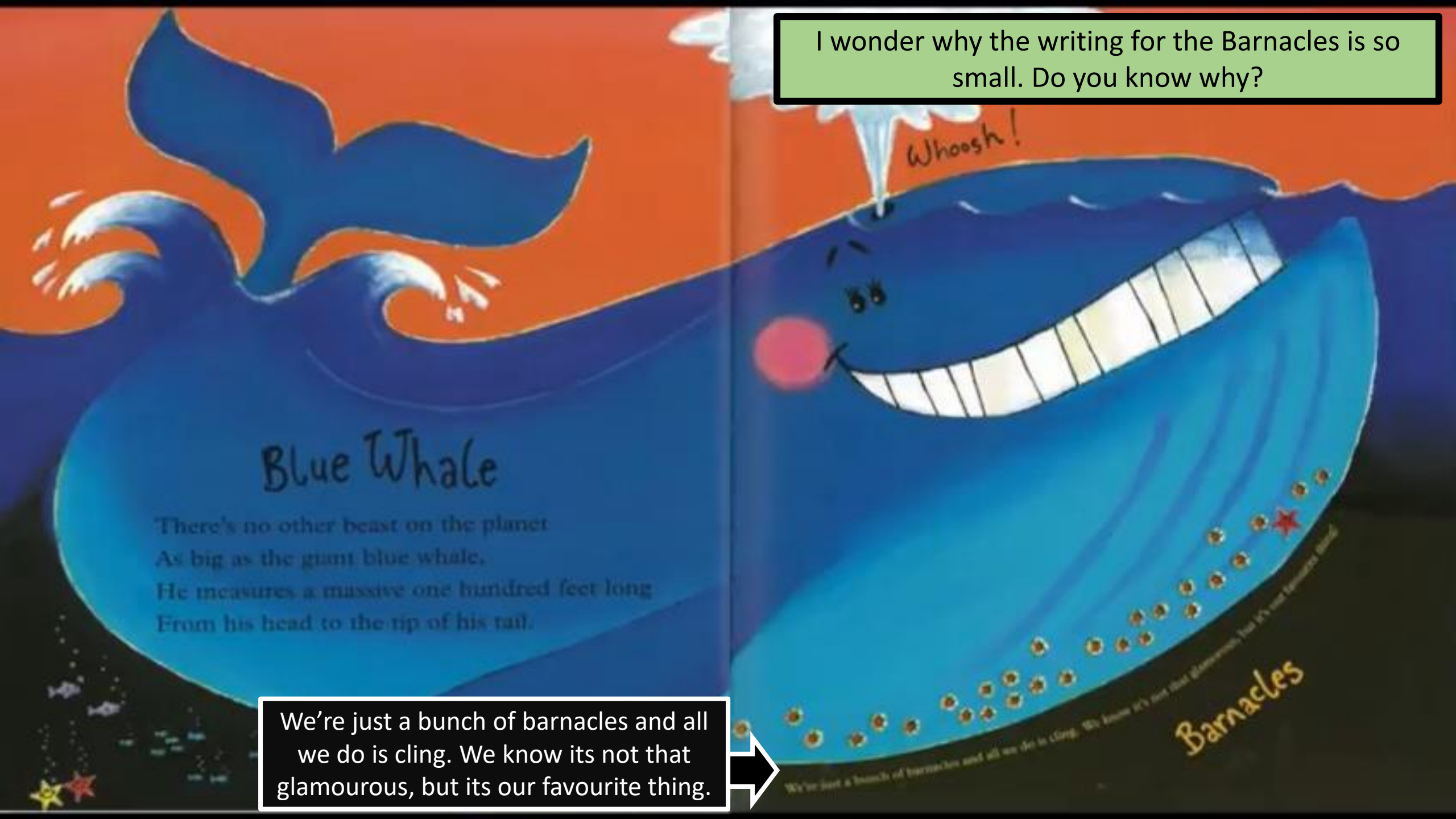
Miles below the surface
Where the water's dark and deep,
Live the most amazing creatures
That you could ever meet.

There are fish of all descriptions,
Of every shape and size,
Some have giant pointy teeth
And great big bulbous eyes.

Some of them can walk around
And balance on their fins,
But the strangest fish of all
Have glowing whiskers on their chins!



Why do you think these fish have glowing whiskers on their chins?

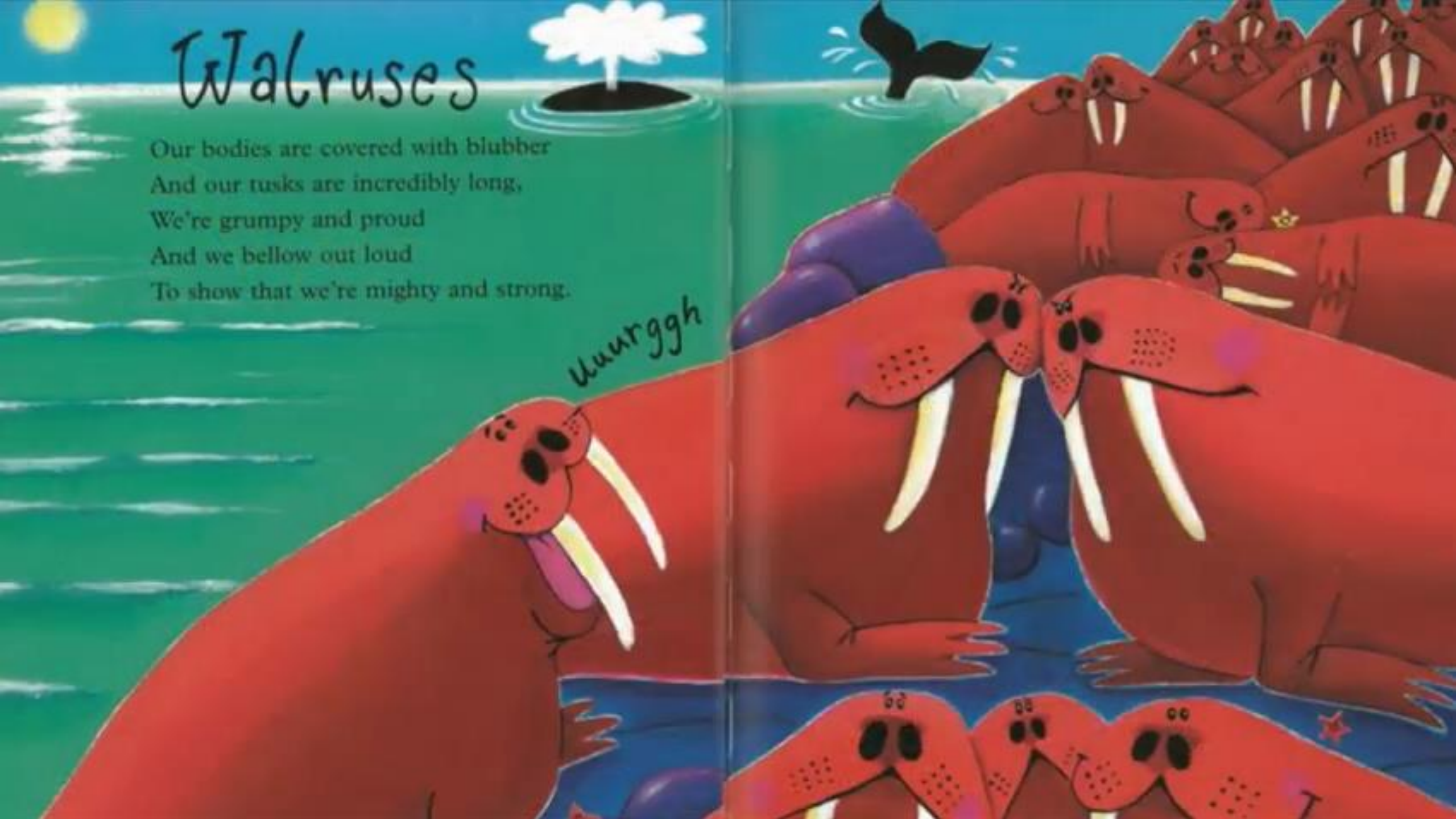


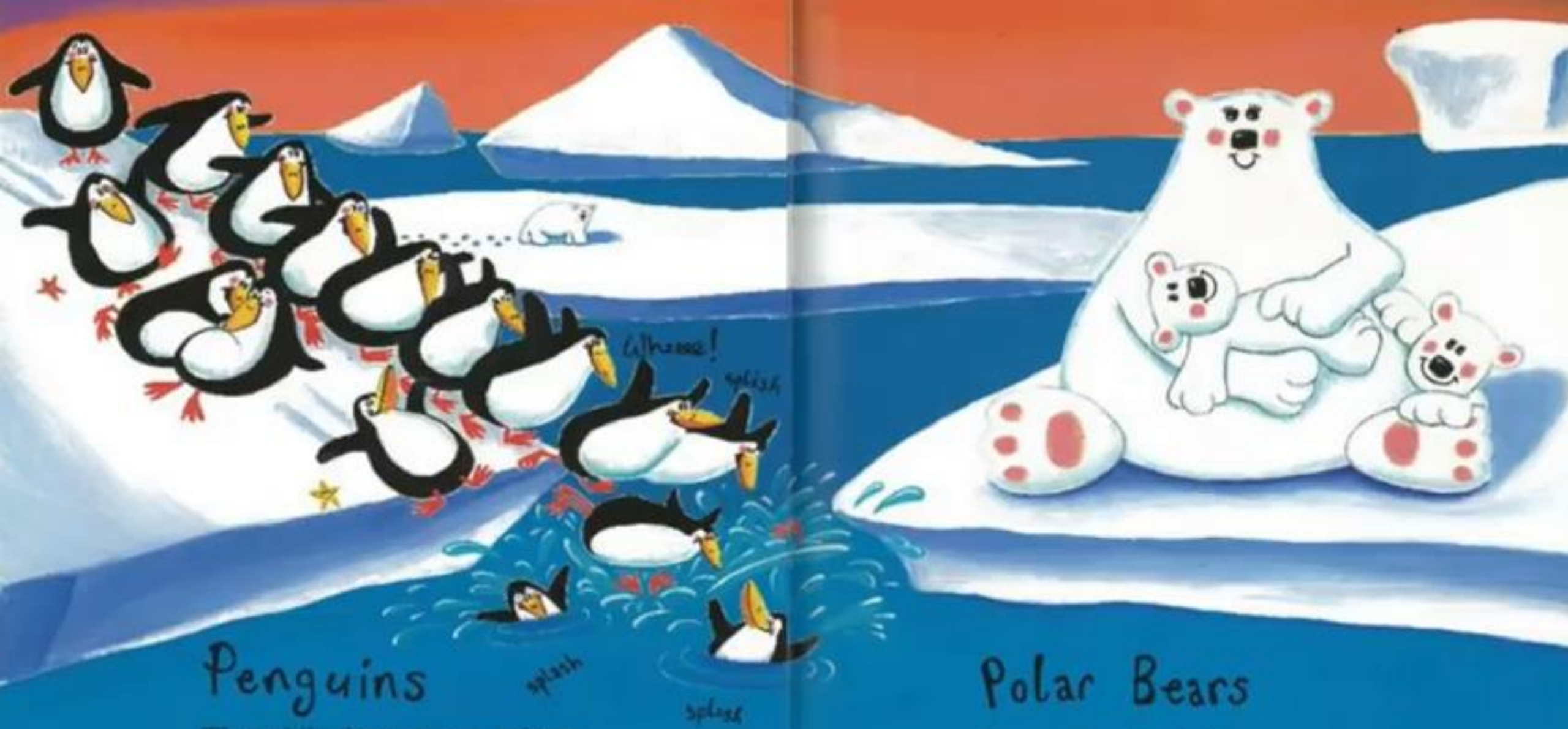

I wonder why the writing for the Barnacles is so small. Do you know why?

We're just a bunch of barnacles and all we do is cling. We know its not that glamourous, but its our favourite thing.

# Walruses

Our bodies are covered with blubber
And our tusks are incredibly long,
We're grumpy and proud
And we bellow out loud
To show that we're mighty and strong.






## Penguins

We waddle about on our icebergs,
Which makes our feet slither and slide.
And when we get close to the water
We leap with a splosh off the side.

## Polar Bears

Deep out in the Arctic
The mummy polar bear
Snuggles up with all her children
As it's very cold out there.

What a lot of creatures
We have seen beneath the sea,
What a lot of funny things they do.

Some of them might lick their lips
And eat you in one bite,
And some might want to swim around with you.

The dolphin's very friendly
And the lobster's very fierce,
But the shark is the most dangerous by far.

Can you name the other friends
We've made along the way,
See if you can tell me who they are?

Super i-spy challenge: Did you guess? It was the starfish! What do you think the author would say about the starfish?
Draw your own starfish and write some of your ideas around it.

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# Challenges for Day 2

Please choose from one of the challenges below:

If you do not have a printer, you can draw your favourites. Remember to make sure you draw them in the same order that they are found in the story.

## Challenge 1:

Tell your adult which page was your favourite and why. How did the story make you feel?

Using the pictures of the creatures in the book, choose five of your favourites to cut out and stick on to a sheet of paper in the correct order.

## Challenge 2:

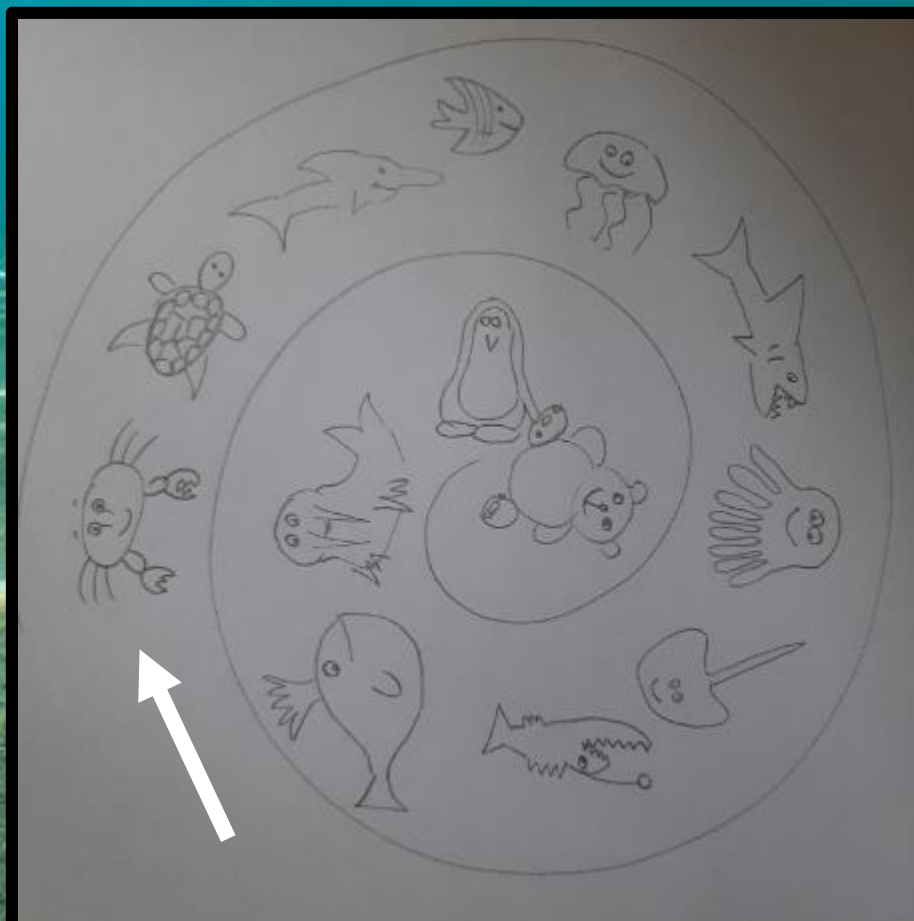
Talk to your adult about your book, tell them what you enjoyed and if there were any parts you didn't. Can you say why?

Using the pictures of the creatures in the book, cut out five that you enjoyed reading about and stick them on to a sheet of paper in the correct order. Can you write a word to describe how they look? It could be their colour, size, or shape. E.g.: Enormous for the whale. Tiny for the barnacles.

# Challenge for Day 3

Shells can often have beautiful swirling patterns, can you retell the story of ‘Commotion in the Ocean’ using a swirling shell pattern?

Draw your pictures inside the pattern, making sure they go in the correct order.  You might not be able to fit them all on, that’s ok.  See how many you can do!



If you would like to, you could do this outside with chalk, on a sheet of paper or choose your own shell pattern to present your story in.

EXTRA CHALLENGE: When you are done, can you tell some one else what happens in the story using just your shell picture?