

Super Survival Skills

A **porcupine fish** is one type of sea creature that lives in the oceans. When the porcupine fish is in danger, it swallows water and swells like a balloon. It then becomes too large and prickly for an enemy to eat. How do other sea creatures protect themselves?

Wonders Of The Sea

Oceans are home to some of the most colorful animals in the world. Each sea creature uses a different skill to survive.

Angelfish

Angelfish usually swim in schools to protect themselves. That makes it hard for enemies to harm one fish in a group.

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Clown fish live in **sea anemones** (uh-NEH-muh-nee-z). Those are poisonous ocean plants. Clown fish have a slimy coating on their bodies that protects them from the plants' poison.

Sea Horse



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Sea horses use **camouflage** to hide from enemies. Animals that use camouflage change color or shape to blend in with their surroundings.

Mimic Octopus

Mimic octopuses take on the color, shape, and behavior of other, more dangerous animals. The amazing task can be done in just seconds. To stay safe, this mimic octopus pretends to be a starfish.

Jellyfish

Jellyfish are soft, clear sea creatures. Some jellyfish have long, poisonous arms called **tentacles**. The tentacles sting enemies that attack.

Hurray for Earth Day!

Earth Day is April 22. This day reminds us to care for our planet.

Sometimes oil spills onto beaches and into oceans. People help sea birds by scrubbing their feathers clean of the oil.

It is important to keep beaches and oceans free of pollution. Pollution can harm animals and humans.

Garbage, like plastic rings from soft drink cans, can harm animals. Animals can get trapped in the rings' holes.