

# Ocean animal riddles

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Cut along the dashed lines. Fold each card down the middle: riddle on the front, answer on the back.

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Riddle 37 • Who am I?

I'm bigger than a dinosaur, the biggest of all,  
but my favorite food is tiny and small.

Clue 2

I breathe through a hole on the top of my head,  
and I sing long songs in my deep ocean bed.



Whose shadow?



**Whale!**  
(the blue whale)

Riddle 37

Riddle 38 • Who am I?

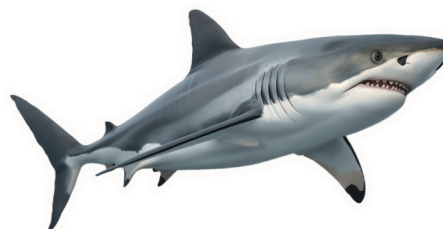
I lose my teeth, but I never feel sad.  
New ones grow back, so it isn't so bad!

Clue 2

A fin on my back cuts through the sea.  
Dun dun, dun dun... Can you guess? It's me!



Whose shadow?



**Shark!**

Riddle 38

Riddle 39 • Who am I?

My skeleton's outside, my armor is my shell,  
and I wave my claws to say hi as well.

Clue 2

I don't walk forward, I don't walk back.  
I walk sideways! Click clack, click clack!



Whose shadow?



**Crab!**

Riddle 39

Riddle 40 • Who am I?

I'm a bird, but I don't fly in the sky.  
I fly underwater instead. Oh my!

Clue 2

I wear a tuxedo everywhere I go.  
I waddle, then slide on my tummy in the snow.



Whose shadow?



**Penguin!**

Riddle 40

Riddle 41 • Who am I?

I have three hearts and my blood is blue.  
I can change my color like magic. It's true!

Clue 2

Eight long arms, and I'm great at hide and seek.  
I squirt dark ink if you try to peek!



Whose shadow?



**Octopus!**

Riddle 41

Riddle 42 • Who am I?

I sleep with one eye open, half of me awake,  
so I never forget to breathe, for goodness' sake!

Clue 2

I click and I whistle, I leap through the spray.  
I'm a mammal, not a fish, and I love to play!



Whose shadow?



**Dolphin!**

Riddle 42

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## Riddle 43 • Who am I?

If I lose an arm, don't worry for me.  
I grow a new one, easy peasy, you see!

### Clue 2

I'm shaped like a star, but I don't shine at night.  
I cling to the rocks, and I hold on tight.



Whose shadow?



## Sea star!

(many people call it a starfish)

Riddle 43



## Riddle 44 • Who am I?

I'm a daddy who carries the babies inside,  
in a pouch on my tummy, cozy and wide.

### Clue 2

My head looks like a horse's, but I never neigh.  
I hold on to seagrass with my tail all day.



Whose shadow?



## Seahorse!

Riddle 44



## Riddle 45 • Who am I?

I was born on a beach, then I ran to the sea,  
and one day I'll come back where the sand  
welcomed me.

### Clue 2

My shell is my house, I never move out.  
I'm slow on the sand, but I swim all about.



Whose shadow?



## Sea turtle!

Riddle 45



## Riddle 46 • Who am I?

No brain, no heart, and no bones at all.  
I was here before the dinosaurs, before them all!

### Clue 2

I'm wobbly like jelly, I drift with the tide.  
Don't touch my long tentacles! They sting, so step  
aside.



Whose shadow?



## Jellyfish!

Riddle 46

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## Answers, and the clue explained

- 37. Whale (the blue whale)** The blue whale is the biggest animal that has ever lived, and it eats tiny shrimp called krill.
- 38. Shark** Some sharks go through thousands of teeth in a lifetime.
- 39. Crab** A crab's legs bend sideways, so walking sideways is the quickest way to go.
- 40. Penguin** Penguins "fly" underwater, using their wings like flippers.
- 41. Octopus** Octopuses really have three hearts and blue blood.
- 42. Dolphin** Dolphins rest one half of their brain at a time, so they can keep swimming up for air.
- 43. Sea star (many people call it a starfish)** Sea stars can grow back lost arms, and they are not fish at all.
- 44. Seahorse** In seahorse families, the dad carries the eggs until the babies hatch.
- 45. Sea turtle** Mother sea turtles swim back to the beach where they hatched to lay their own eggs.
- 46. Jellyfish** Jellyfish have lived in the oceans for more than 500 million years, long before the dinosaurs.