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## Focus Question

How are ocean animals the same? How are they different?

## Words to Know

community  
endangered  
lobes

mammals  
pollution  
reptiles

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Many kinds of animals live in the ocean.  
They are part of the ocean **community**.

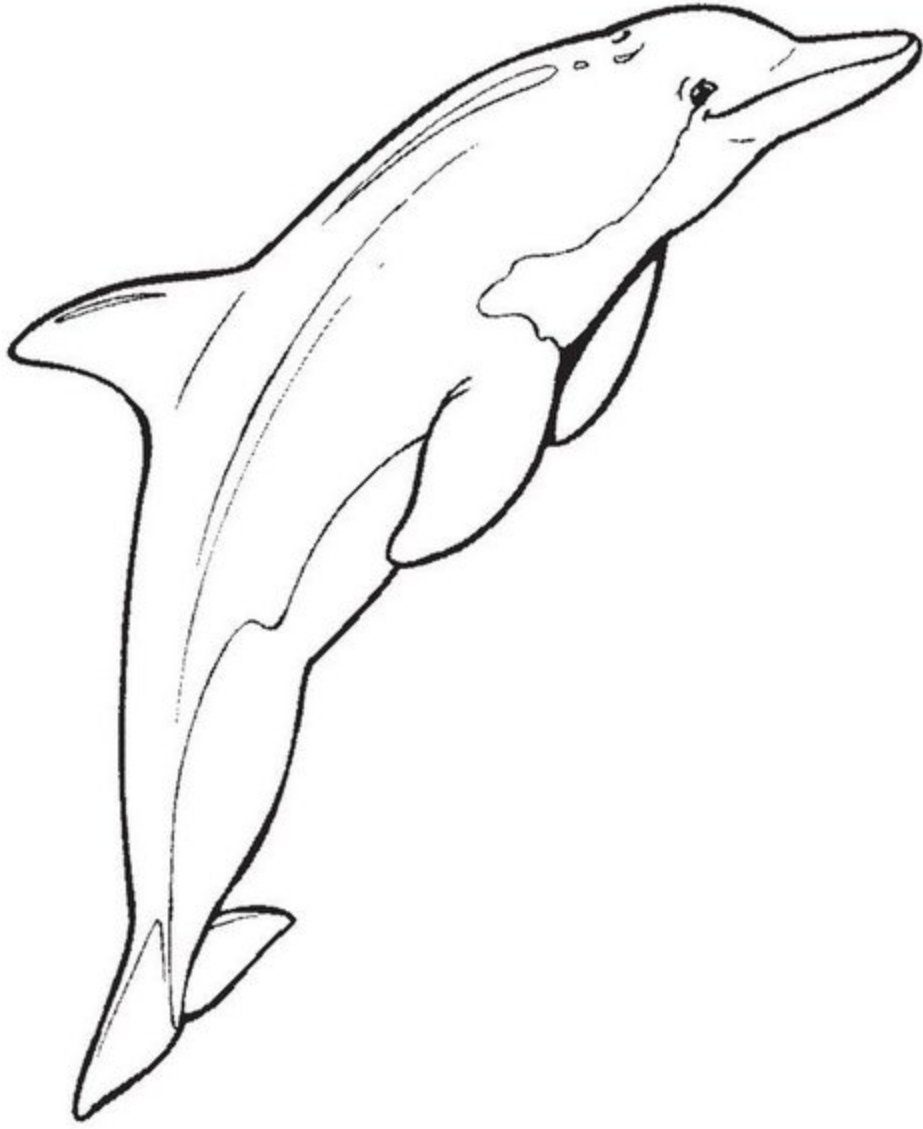




Let's meet some of these ocean animals.

Most of the ones in this book are **mammals**, fish, or **reptiles**.





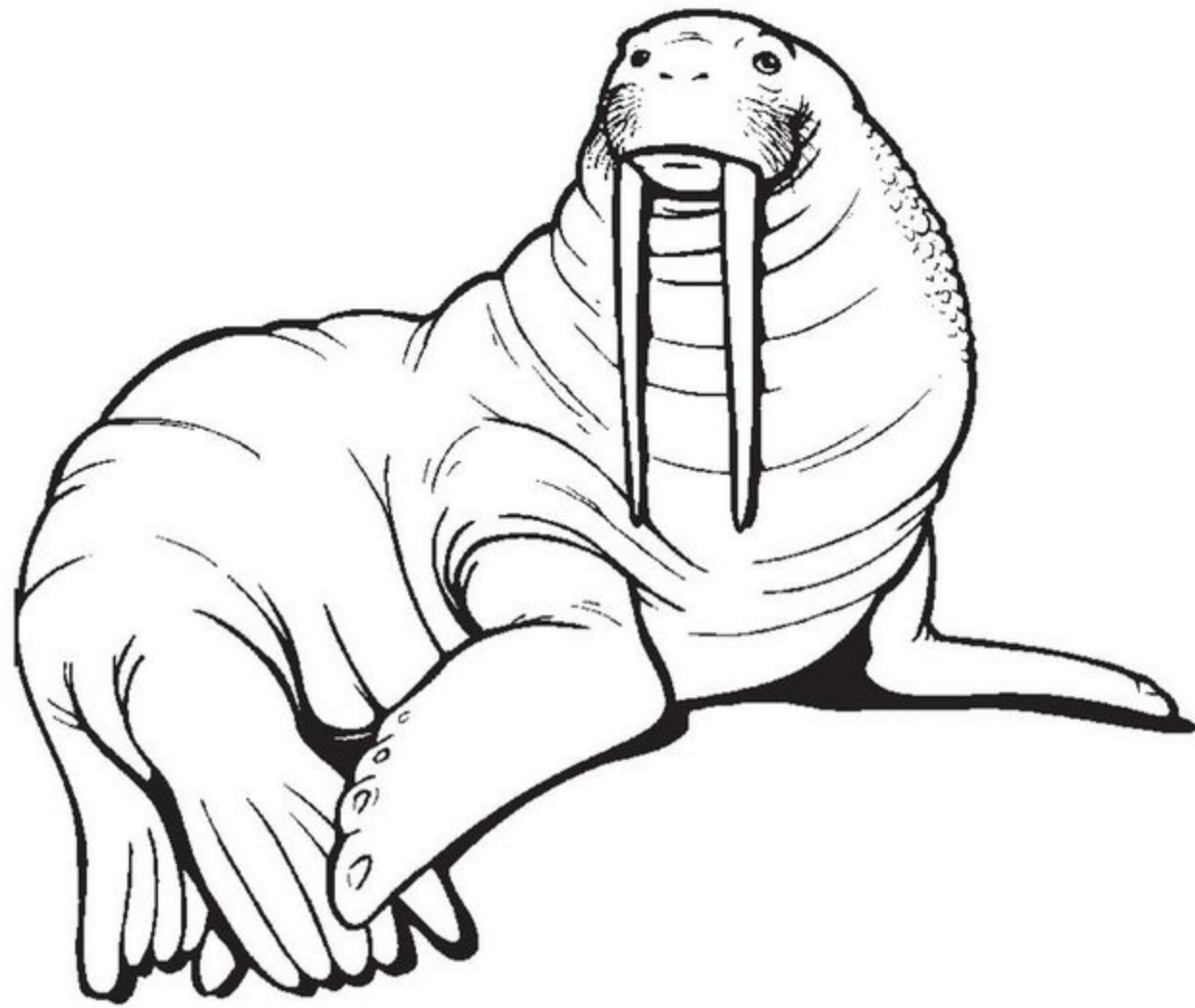
I am a dolphin.

I have a sleek body and a strong tail to swim fast.

I live in a group called a pod, and I like to eat fish.

I whistle to talk to other dolphins.





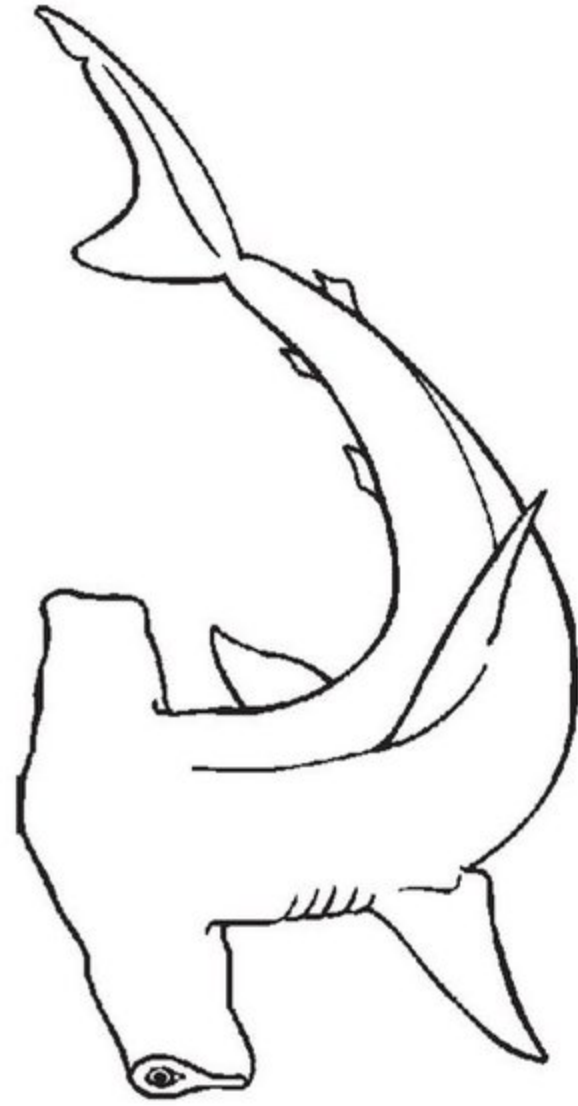
I am a walrus, and I have ivory tusks.

I use them to dig for clams and to protect myself.

I live on ice and in cold water.

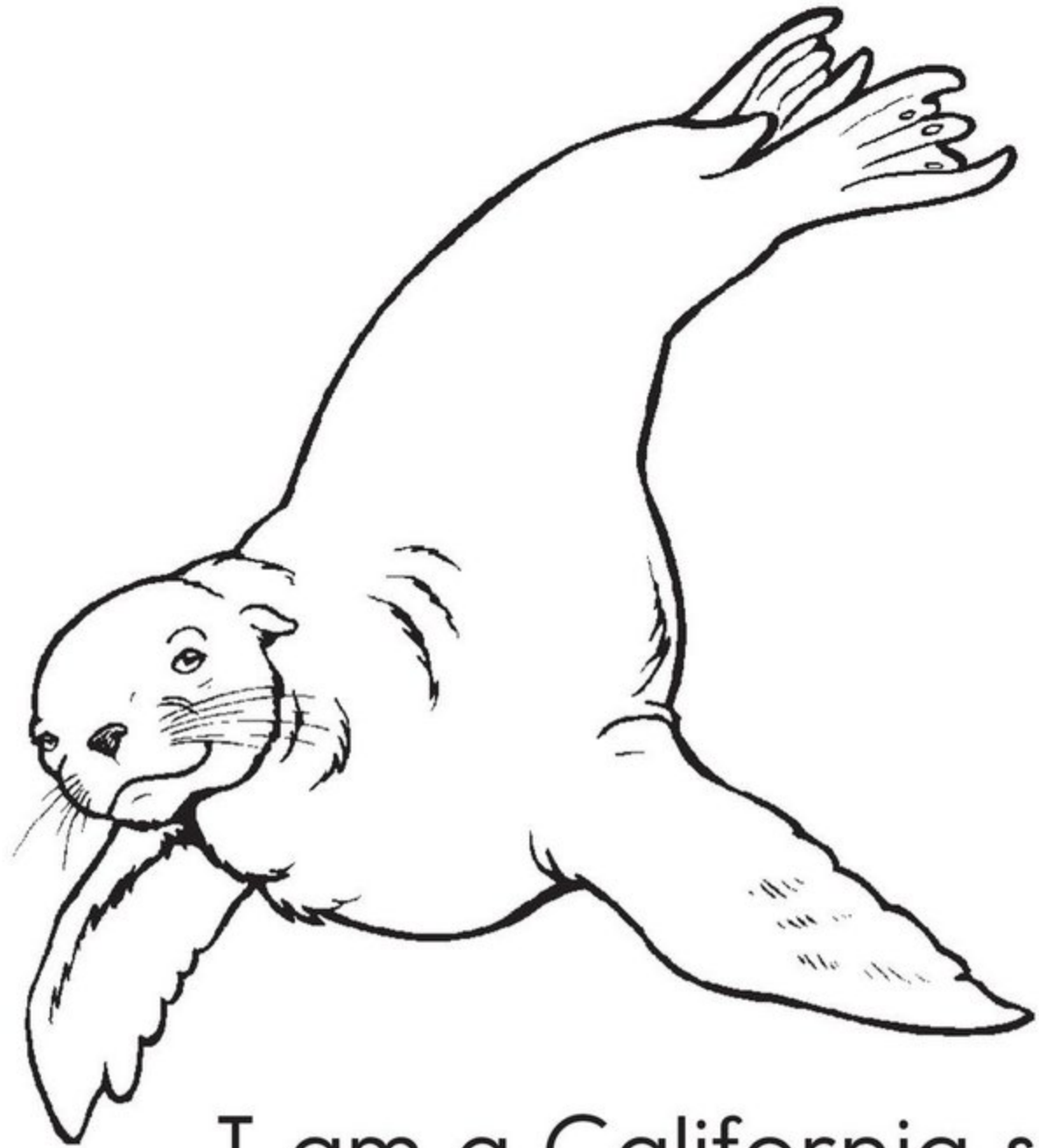
My thick layer of fat keeps me warm.





I am a hammerhead shark, and  
my head has a very funny shape.  
My eyes and nostrils are at the ends of **lobes**.  
I like to eat fish.





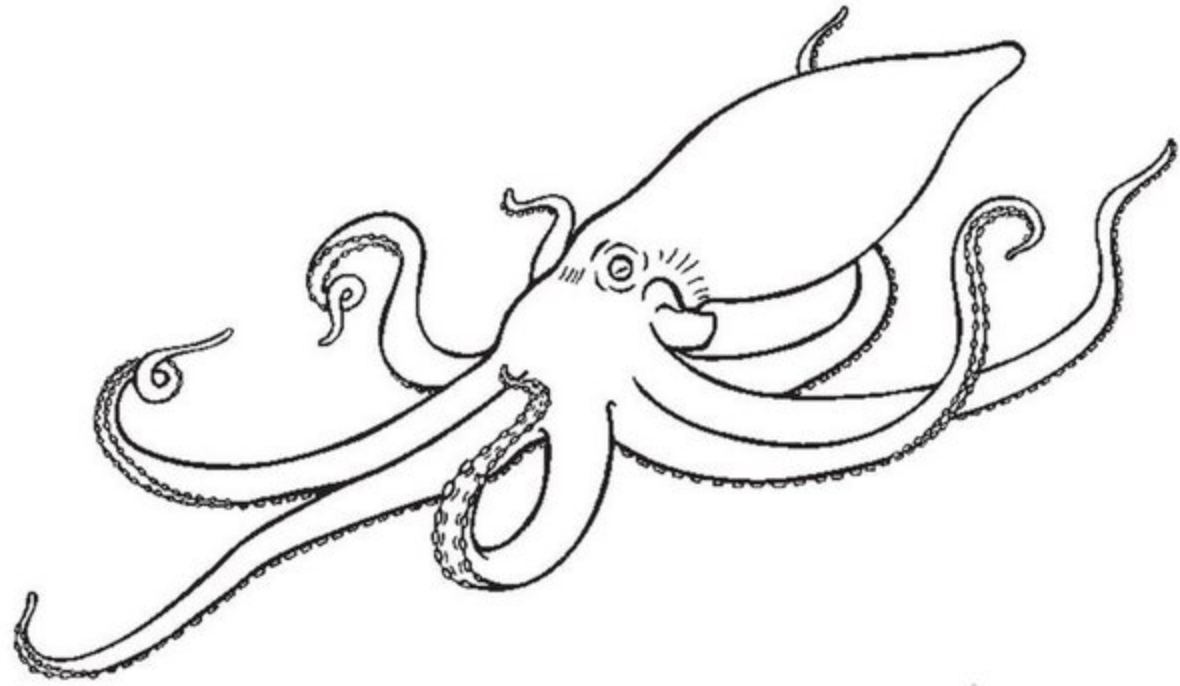
I am a California sea lion.

I am smart, noisy, and playful.

I bark like a dog, and I am covered by short fur.

I eat squid, octopus, and fish.





I am an octopus.

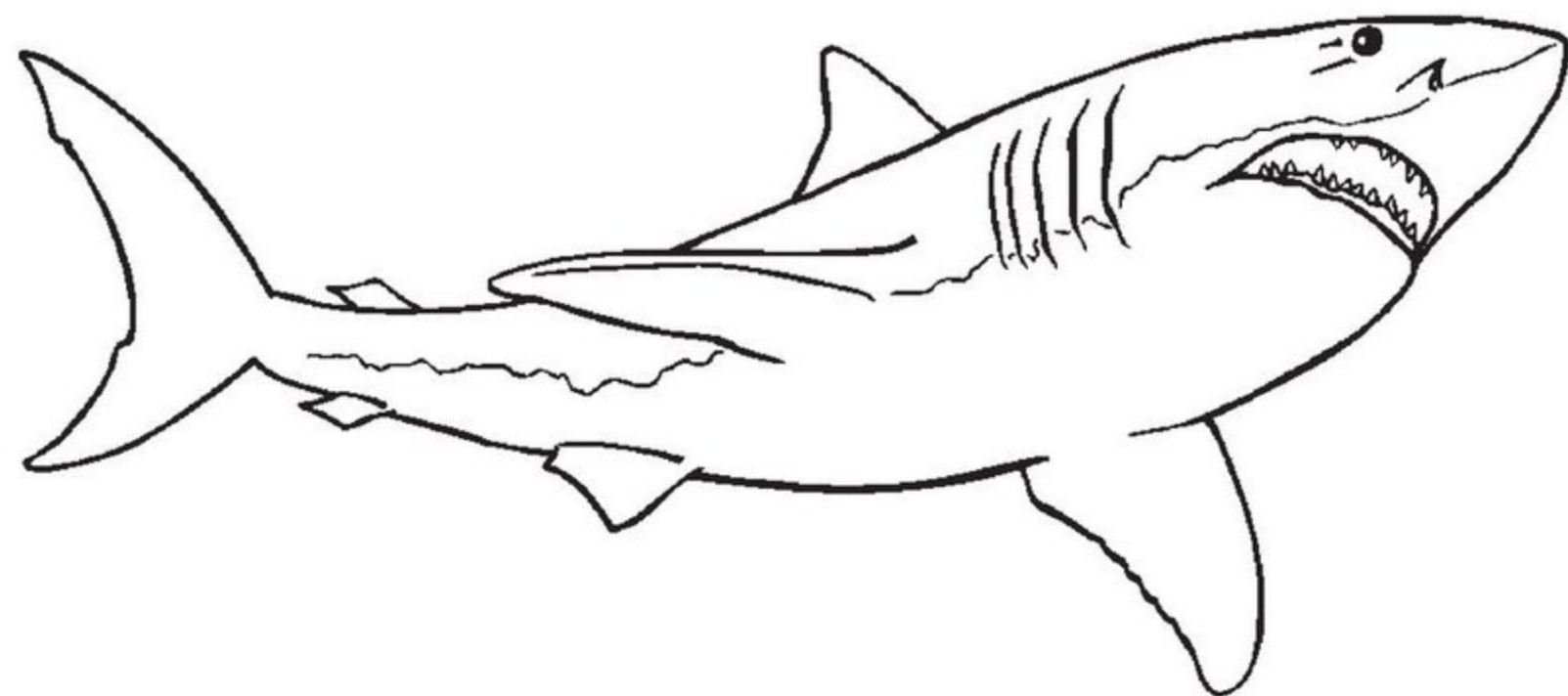
I have a soft body and no skeleton.

I have eight arms with suckers.

I shoot black ink from my body  
to hide and escape from danger.

I can also change the color of my skin.

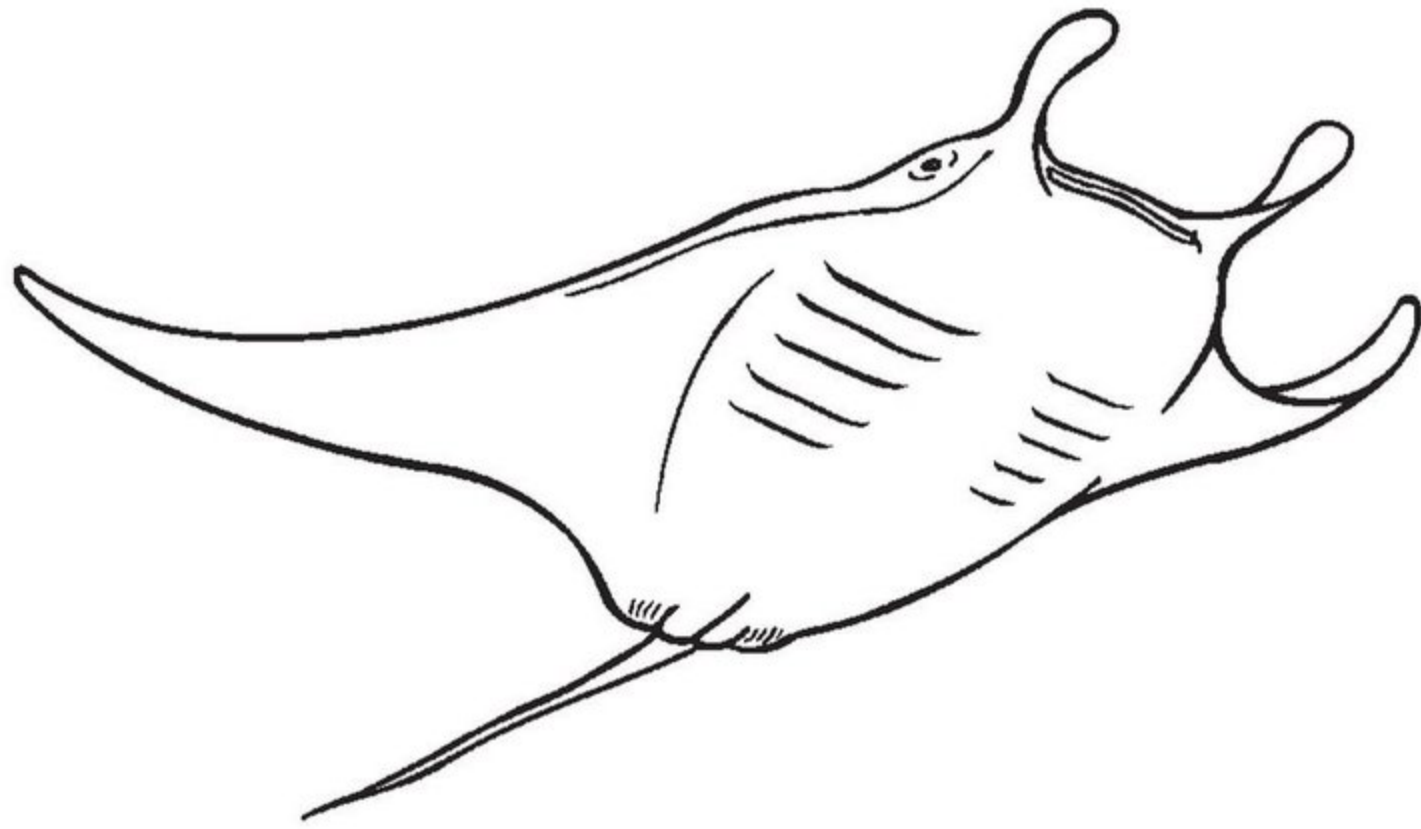




I am a great white shark.  
I am a large and fierce shark.  
I have very sharp teeth  
that are shaped like triangles.  
I eat seals, dolphins, and fish.







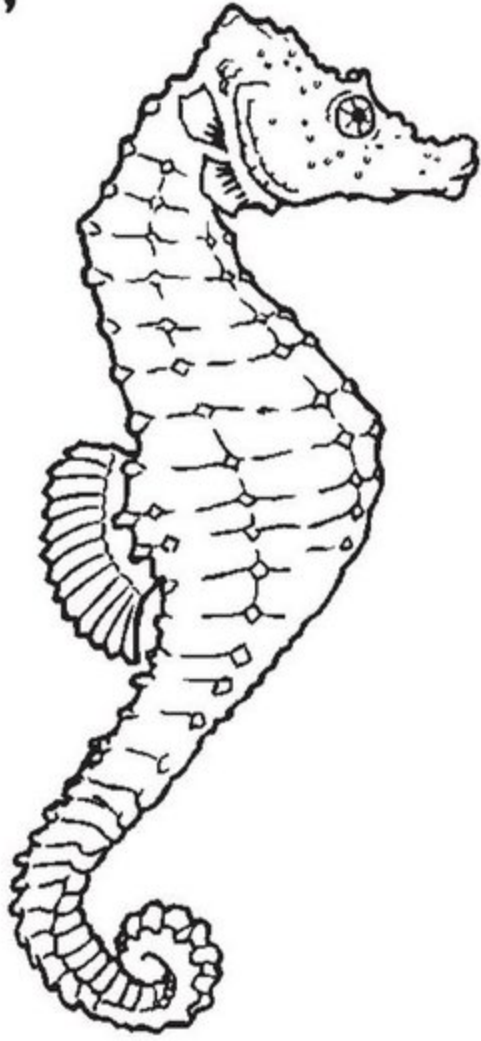
I am a manta ray.

I have fins that look like wings.

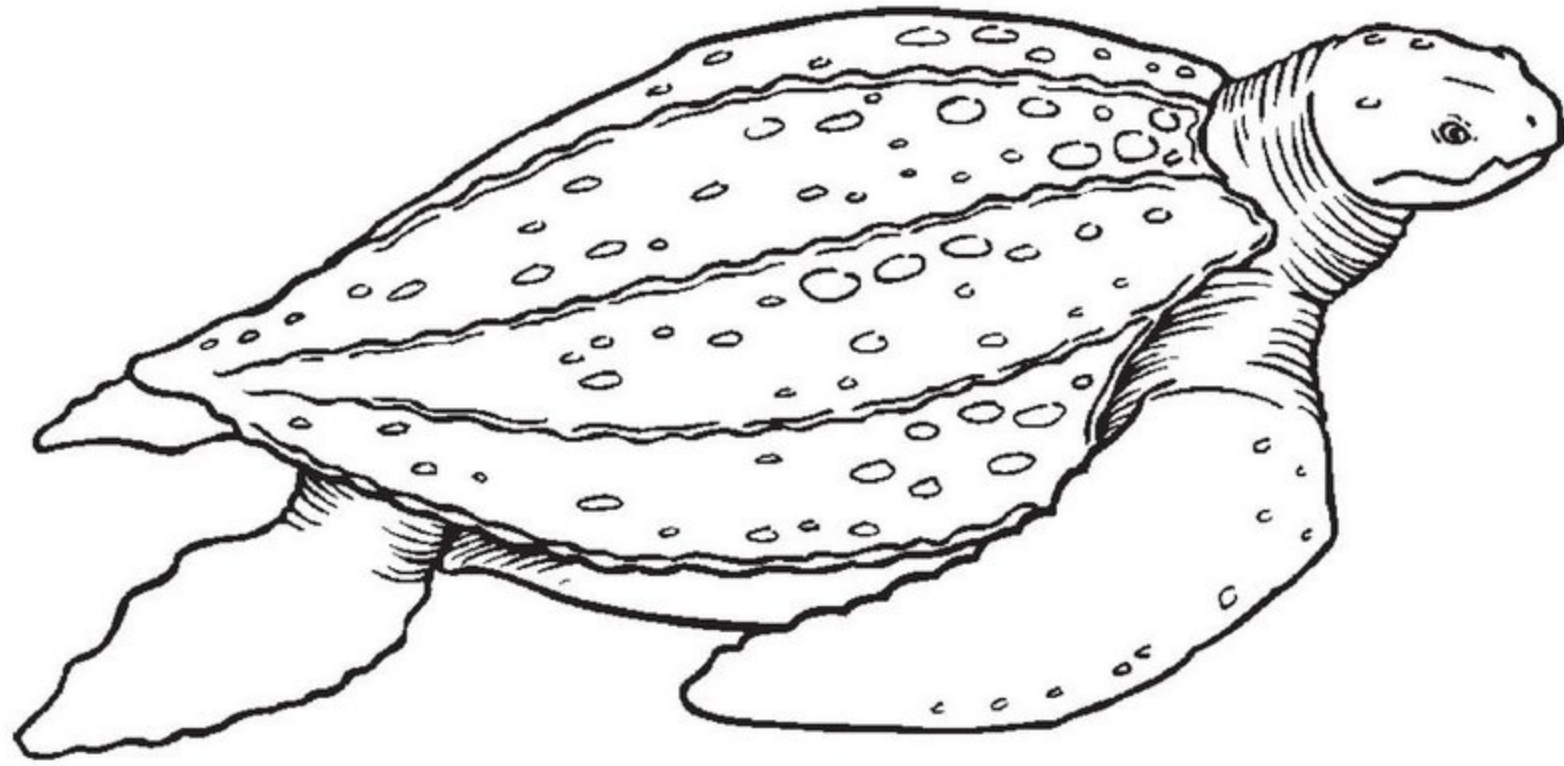
I am related to stingrays, but I do not sting.



I am a sea horse,  
but I am not  
a horse.  
I am a fish.  
I change color  
to hide.  
Shrimp are my  
favorite food.  
Male sea horses,  
not females,  
carry eggs until they hatch.



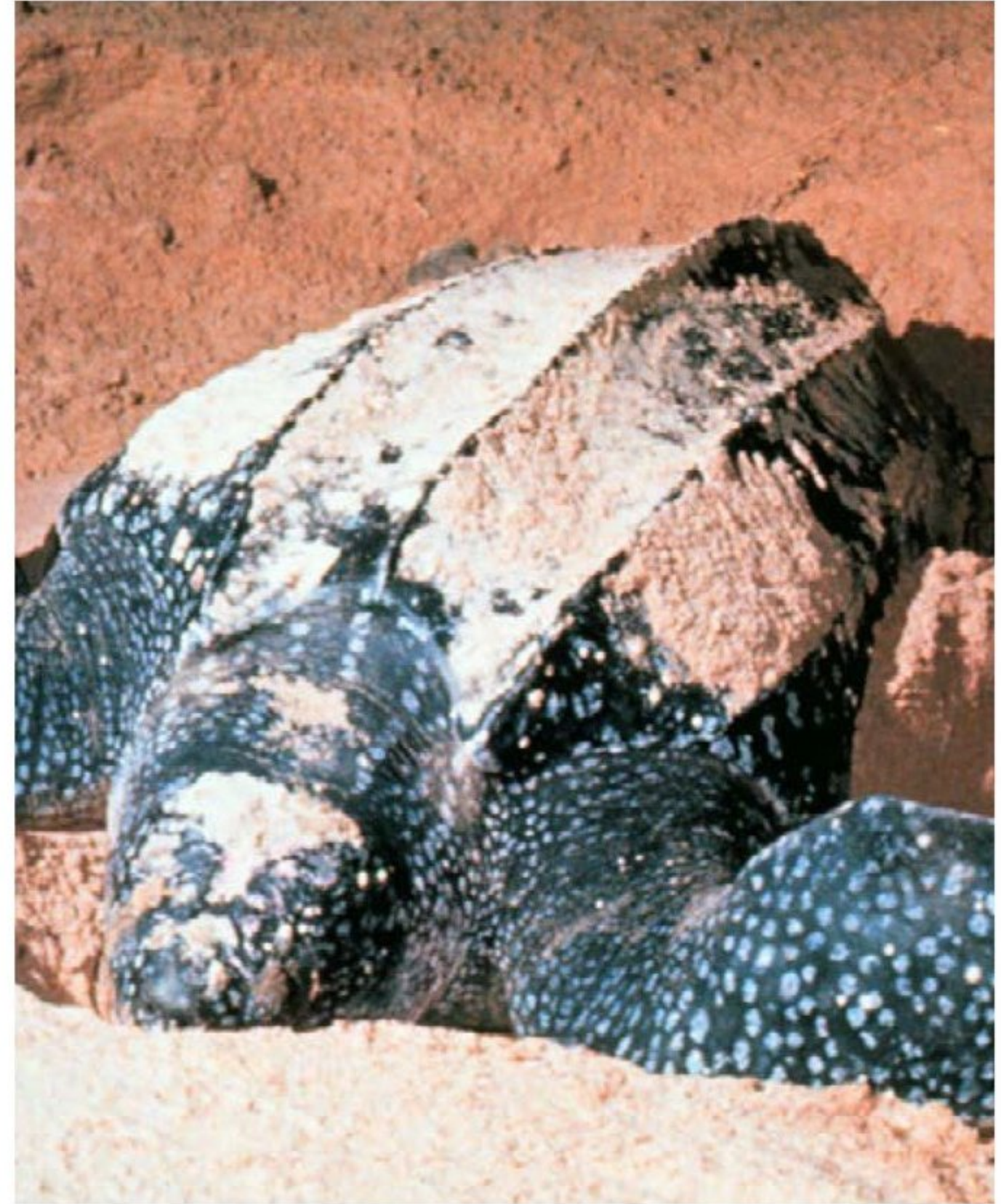




I am a leatherback turtle,  
the biggest turtle in the world.  
I lay eggs on land.

Jellyfish are my favorite food.

I am covered with leathery skin instead of a shell.





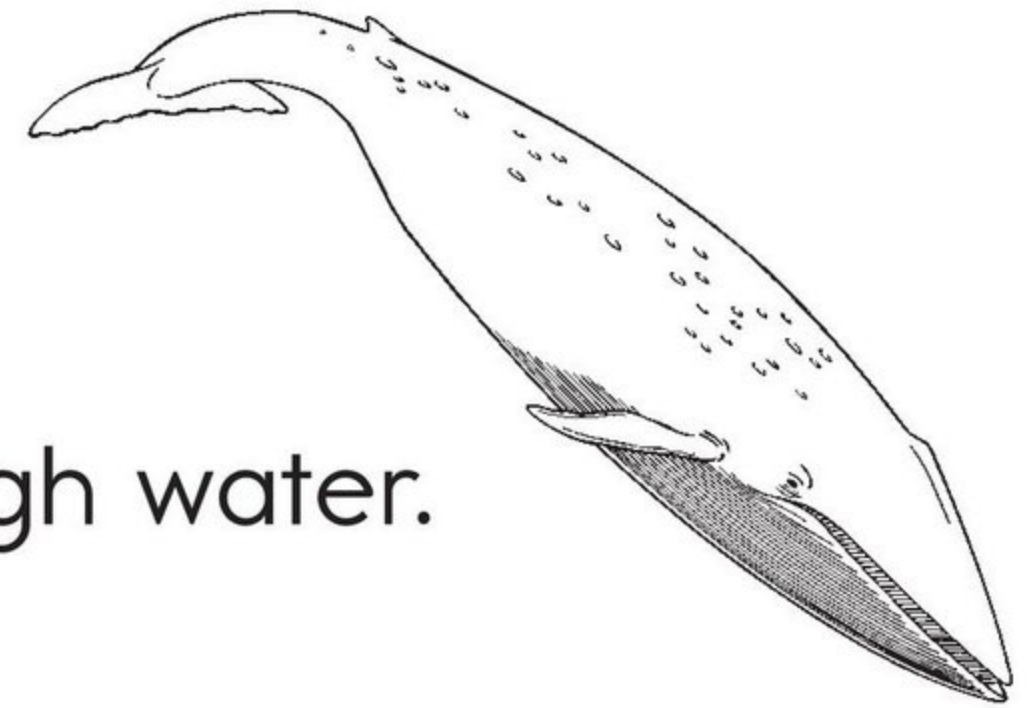


I am a blue whale.

I am the largest mammal ever to live.

I make deep sounds that move through water.

I eat tiny animals called krill.







The ocean is home to all these animals.

Many of them are **endangered**.

They all suffer because of **pollution** and hunting.

Keeping our oceans clean will help keep these animals alive.



## Glossary

<b>community</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a group of plants and animals that live together in an area (p. 3)
<b>endangered</b> ( <i>adj.</i> )	in danger of dying out completely (p. 15)
<b>lobes</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	rounded or curved parts of bodies (p. 7)
<b>mammals</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	warm-blooded animals with hair or fur (p. 4)
<b>pollution</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	harmful materials in the air, water, or soil (p. 15)
<b>reptiles</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	cold-blooded animals that are covered with scales (p. 4)



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## Connections

### Writing and Art

Create a poster about one animal from the book. Include a picture and interesting facts. Share the poster with your class.

### Science

Use the information from the book to write clues describing an animal. Read your clues to a partner and have them guess the animal.



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