



Sea Anemone

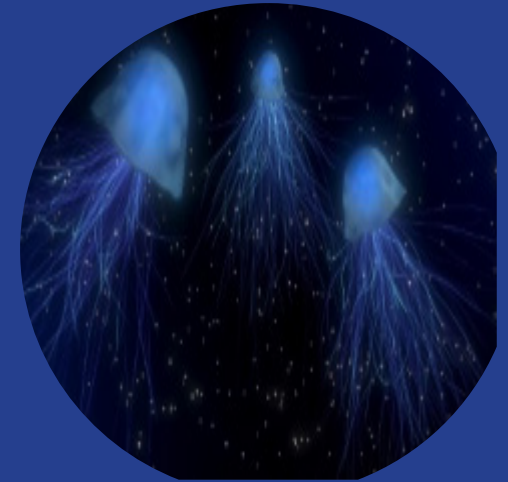
Sea anemones are named after and resemble flowers, but they're actually invertebrates related to corals and jellies. Their bodies consist of a soft, cylindrical stalk topped by an oral disc surrounded with venomous tentacles.

Though some are free swimming, most adult anemones stay in one place. They anchor themselves to surfaces or sand with a sticky foot called a pedal disc. If their environment becomes unlivable, they slowly slide along the ocean floor on their foot or float away and "swim" by flexing their bodies.

Fighting Fish

Betta fish are native to Asia, where they live in the shallow water of marshes, ponds, or slow-moving streams.

Male bettas are devoted fathers who build bubble nests for their young with their mouths and fiercely protect their babies from predators. Just like us, betta fish are diurnal. That means they're active during the day and sleep at night, requiring darkness to get a good night's rest.



Jellyfish

Fascinating, elegant, and mysterious to watch in the water, take a jellyfish out of the water, and it becomes a much less fascinating blob. This is because jellyfish are about 95 percent water.

Lacking brains, blood, or even hearts, jellyfish are pretty simple critters. They are composed of three layers: an outer layer, called the epidermis; a middle layer made of a thick, elastic, jelly-like substance called mesoglea; and an inner layer, called the gastrodermis. .



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