

Ocean activities

TURTLE RALLY

Baby sea turtles hatch from eggs on the beach, then race to the ocean as fast as their little flippers will take them. How fast can you race from beach to ocean?.

What you'll need:

- 2 pieces of string or rope, each about 8 feet long
- 4 players
- 1 person to call "Go" and determine the winner

1. In an open space outside or indoors, stretch out a length of rope—this will be the "beach."
2. Take twenty steps forward and stretch out the second piece of rope—this will be the "water."
3. Get down on your bellies on the "beach." When the timer calls "Go," race to the "water." Use your arms and legs the way turtles use their flippers.

The first "baby turtle" to reach the water wins!



UNDERWATER STATUES

Fish move in different ways. Sailfish speed along and jump out of the water. Eels wriggle along in a wavy way. Crabs crawl sideways. An octopus twists and turns. But what would they look like if they stopped in mid-movement?

What you'll need:

- Music player
- 2 or more players
- 1 person to start and stop the music

1. Make a list of different fish in this book and how they move. You can check back on Liquid Locomotion to get started.
2. Get your friends together. Each person can choose an ocean animal to be.
3. When the timer starts the music, begin moving like the ocean animal you chose. When the music stops, freeze in place.

Take turns and try out all the ocean animals on your list. There aren't any winners or losers—just lots of fun and giggles!



DIVE IN!

What you'll need:

- Drawing paper
- Crayons or markers

Imagine you're a scuba diver exploring a coral reef. What animals do you see? Is there a butterflyfish? A clownfish tucked into its favorite sea anemone? Is there a sea turtle swimming by? Draw a picture of your underwater adventure and share it with your friends and family.



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Polar activities

PENGUIN HOP

Imagine you're a penguin and you need to travel across a long stretch of icy cold water, jumping from one ice floe to another.

What you'll need:

- 2 players
- 20 paper plates
- 1 person to be the timer, to call "Go" and determine the winner

1. Make two paths out of paper plates. Use 10 paper plates for each path, and place them a few inches apart on the floor. Decide who will take which path.
2. Line up in front of the first plate in each path. Wait for the timer to call "Go!"
3. Hop from plate to plate and see who can travel fastest from the first ice floe to the last. If you miss an ice floe and fall into the "water," go back to the beginning and start over.

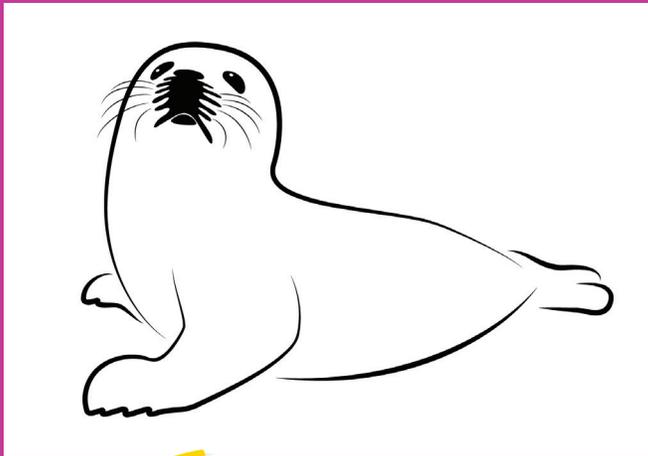


STAR SEAL

What you'll need:

- Drawing paper
- Crayons or markers

Choose a seal from this book and draw a picture of it. Or you can copy this drawing and then color it in. Write down three special things you've learned about the animal from this book.



ARCTIC A-(H)ORD

What do you think a polar chorus would sound like? Try out the animal sounds below. Invite your friends and family to join together. Have each person choose their favorite animal and mimic its sound and hear what the whole group sounds like.



◀ Polar Bear rrrroooaaarrrrr

Seal arf arf arf arf arf arf ▶



◀ Penguin cah cah cah cahhhh

Walrus ah-urh ah-urh ah-urh ▶

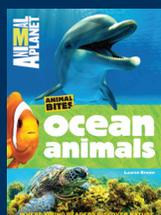


◀ Orca ah-ee ah-ee ah-ee

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