

# MEET THE OCTOPUS

## ABOUT US

I am an octopus, moving through the ocean with eight limbs and an amazing ability to change colour and texture; we are masters of camouflage. We are skilled hunters, using our beak-like mouth to capture prey, but we have to watch out, as we are potential prey ourselves. In the underwater world, we are perfectly adapted to our environment.

**How many limbs do you have?**

## WHY WE ARE IMPORTANT

In the ocean, we play a vital role. We help control the number of certain sea creatures by hunting them, which keeps the ocean environment balanced. We help humans learn how to make new things like camouflage materials. We're also part of the big family of ocean animals, and that diversity is important for a healthy ocean. When people learn about us, they care more about protecting the ocean and all the creatures that live in it.

## DID YOU KNOW?

We don't have bones.

We are soft-bodied animals with no internal or external skeleton. This flexibility enables us to squeeze through tiny openings.

**Do you know how many bones you have in your body?**

## DID YOU KNOW?

We have three hearts.

Two hearts pump blood to the gills, while the third heart pumps blood to the rest of the body. This amazing circulatory system helps us survive in low-oxygen environments.

**Do you know what your heart does?**

## TOP THREATS

Our biggest threats are from predators like sharks. Ocean pollution harms our environment and the creatures we rely on for food. Overfishing by humans means there is less food, and climate change disrupts our underwater ecosystem.

Habitat destruction makes it harder for us to find safe places to live and reproduce. It's important for people to be aware of these threats and work together to protect our ocean homes so that we can thrive in our underwater world.

## MY FAMILY

We live together in the ocean. We're all experts at hiding and catching fish and crabs. We are clever, curious and playful.

**Are you curious?**

## MY NAMES

Our name, '**OCTOPUS**', comes from the Greeks, who gave us this name because we have eight long limbs.

**Do you know what your name means?**

## WHAT WE LIKE TO EAT

We are **CARNIVORES** which means we eat other animals. Our diet consists mainly of fish, crustaceans like crabs and shrimp, molluscs like clams and snails, and sometimes even smaller octopuses.

**What is your favourite food?**

