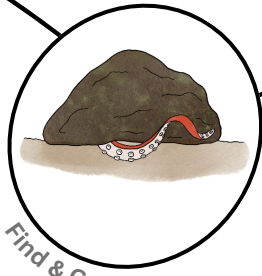


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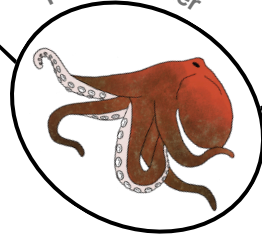
Tentacle Tales



Find & Count



Read Together



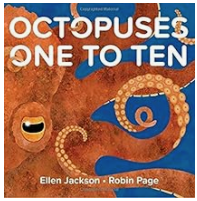
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Count to Clean Up

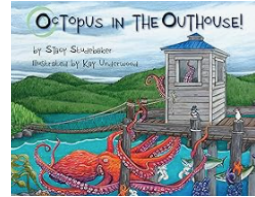
Return & Get Another

READ



Octopuses 1-10
By Ellen Jackson

Book Handling Skill
Points to the front and back cover of the book.



Octopus in the Outhouse
By Stacey Studebaker

Book Handling Skill
Talk about the job of an author.

Tips for Reading Nonfiction:

1. Read the Pictures
2. Pause on Pages of Interest
3. Play "I Spy" with the Illustrations
4. Read with an Enthusiastic Tone
5. Ask Engaging Questions: What interesting facts about the body parts of an octopus did we learn about? What was an interesting fact about an octopus that you heard today? What could you do with eight arms, or tentacles like an octopus?

Extension Activity

Take a look in the back of the book to find some extra fun octopus activities to do together!

Questions for Discussion:

1. What animal do you think she will find in the next outhouse?
2. What do you notice in their fish camp?
3. Let's count the bears in this outhouse?
4. Let's name all the animals we saw in the story.
5. What would you do if there was an octopus in your bathroom?

Extension Activity

Clap the syllables of the animals from the story!
Oc--to--pus Por--cu--pine

INVESTIGATE

Octopus Camouflage

Pick a place to 'blend in' like an octopus. Although we don't have the ability to change our skin, we do have other resources around us to help us look like our environment.

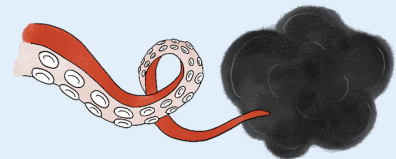
- Choose a location where your child wants to blend in (the beach, behind some trees, lying on the tundra, etc...).
- Take a *before* photo of your child not "blended" in, then, work with them to think of ideas for how they could change to camouflage themselves.
- Try adding natural materials to their clothing or darkening spots of their clothing!



Honoring Connections Amazing Animal Characteristics

An octopus has eight tentacles. They are extremely smart, flexible, and have super defense techniques!

- If a tentacle is grabbed and they think they are in danger, they will shed a whole tentacle which will then grow back!
- They will throw an ink cloud, similar to the size and shape of themselves, blocking off scent and sight to confuse their predators as they run away.
- They also have an amazing ability to change colors to blend in with their environment.



Ask an elder or long-time local to share stories about their favorite ways to eat or prepare octopus.



DESIGN ... a Jellyfish Lamp

Do you like spending time by the sea? A deeply held Alaskan value is honoring and respecting animals, the sea, and the land. It is important to practice safety and be thankful for what the sea and land provide for us.

Like an octopus, jellyfish have many tentacles!

How many tentacles will your jellyfish lamp have?

J is for Jellyfish

I like to take my jellyfish into my dark bedroom and hang it up at night. Next time I'll make another color, I'll make a whole rainbow of jellyfish to hang in my bedroom.

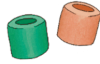
Dena'ina Artist
Sawyer Hill, age 4



balloon & string



tissue paper



2 beads



small light

Paste Recipe:

- 1/4 cup glue
- 1/4 c. + lukewarm water
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 tsp salt

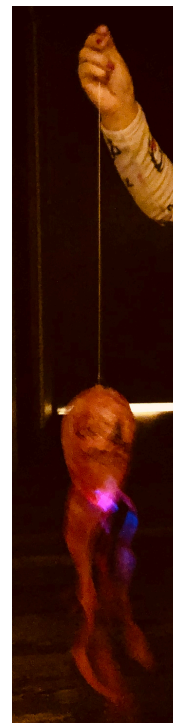
Step 2: Paste

Use paste to cover the balloon with small pieces of tissue. Try brushing paste onto the balloon with a paint brush, then place tissue pieces onto the paste. Allow to dry.



Step 4: Pop Balloon

Pop the balloon to leave the hollow shape of a jellyfish and an opening for you to place a small light.



Step 6: Hang

To hang your jellyfish, thread a string and bead through the body of the jellyfish to the top of the jellyfish. Secure with another bead on the top and make a loop.



Shape

Talk about shape while creating this 3-dimensional (3D) art.

The balloon body shape is called an ovoid or a 3D oval. Can you find other ovals and ovoids in your home or nature?



Step 1: Prepare

Gather materials and prepare your work space. Mix ingredients to make the paste.



Step 3: Paste Again

Apply a second layer of tissue paper and set aside to dry.

Step 5: Tentacles

Glue on long strips of tissue paper for the jellyfish tentacles.

GROW • Financial administrators calculate payments.

Nikita works with numbers all day! She needs to be very good at math to be sure people are paid the correct amount, on time.

Nikita enjoys working with numbers because she knows there is always a right answer, and if she works hard, she can find it. She knows that it is important to go back to correct mistakes as soon as she learns about them, because one wrong number will make all of her calculations incorrect.

Nikita works as a team to accomplish a group goal. She must communicate with her coworkers to gather the information she needs, so that drivers are paid at the correct rate, for the number of miles driven.

Nikita Bereskin - from Akutanax, AK - Driver Pay Admin

When Nikita was young, she thought math was difficult until she tried learning in a new way. Once she knew her learning style, math became fun! Do you learn best when you see how something works, hear something explained, or when you use a hands on learning experience?

EXPLORE

We hope you have enjoyed this kit! Here are some ways you can continue to explore through learning language.

CHILD:
Alaska Native
Language App



Can you find these words?

ocean

beach

