



## Jazzy Jellyfish

Jellyfish live in the sea all over the world. They have been on our planet for millions of years. Some kinds of jellyfish were even around before the dinosaurs.

Jellyfish come in lots of different sizes and colours. Some are large and bright. Some can be very hard to see and nearly invisible. Some jellyfish can make their own light and glow in the dark!



A large, brown jellyfish.

**Q1:** Write **one** word to complete this sentence.

Jellyfish have been on our planet for \_\_\_\_\_ of years.

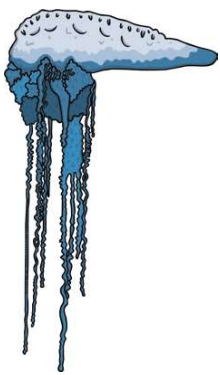
**Q2:** Which of these statements are true? Tick **two**.

Jellyfish live in lakes and ponds.

Some jellyfish glow in the dark.

Jellyfish can be hard to see.

Jellyfish are all the same size and colour.

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Even though their name says so, jellyfish are not really fish because they do not have a backbone. There are lots of things that jellyfish do not have. They don't have a brain, a heart, any bones or any eyes. Their body is smooth and can look like an empty plastic bag floating in the water.

One thing that jellyfish do have is long arms called tentacles. They use their powerful tentacles to sting fish or even people.

**Q3:** Which of these does a jellyfish not have? **Circle four** answers.

arms

a brain

a body

eyes

bones

a heart



**Q4:** Match the adjectives to what they describe in the text.

powerful ○

○ body

long ○

○ tentacles

smooth ○

○ arms (called tentacles)



A bloom of jellyfish.

Most jellyfish like to live in groups. A group of jellyfish is called a 'bloom'. Large blooms can have thousands of jellyfish in them. Blooms move together and look for food.

Jellyfish eat lots of different things. They eat fish, shrimp, crabs, tiny plants and sometimes, other jellyfish! But jellyfish need to be careful because some animals eat them. Turtles are always looking for a tasty jellyfish to munch on.

**Q5:** How do you think a jellyfish might feel if it were near a turtle? Explain why.

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**Q6:** Number the facts below in the order that they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ A group of jellyfish is called a 'bloom'.
- 1** ☒ Some kinds of jellyfish were even around before the dinosaurs.
- ☐ They eat fish, shrimp, crabs, tiny plants and other jellyfish.
- ☐ Jellyfish are not really fish because they do not have a backbone.
- ☐ Jellyfish come in lots of different sizes and colours.

