



## Sea Giants

**Topic:** Sea animals

**Curriculum link:** Science

**Text type:** Description

**Reading level:** 20

**Word count:** 250

**Vocabulary:** biggest, creatures, enormous, giant kelp, giant squid, huge, jellyfish, manta ray, measured, mysterious, span, spider crab, tentacles, weighed

**Possible literacy focus**

Understanding the language of comparison: as big as, biggest.

Exploring the features and purpose of diagrams.

**Summary**

This book describes a range of giant marine animals and plants.

Mathematical concepts related to length and mass are explored in comparisons between the sea giants and everyday places and objects.

## Task Card

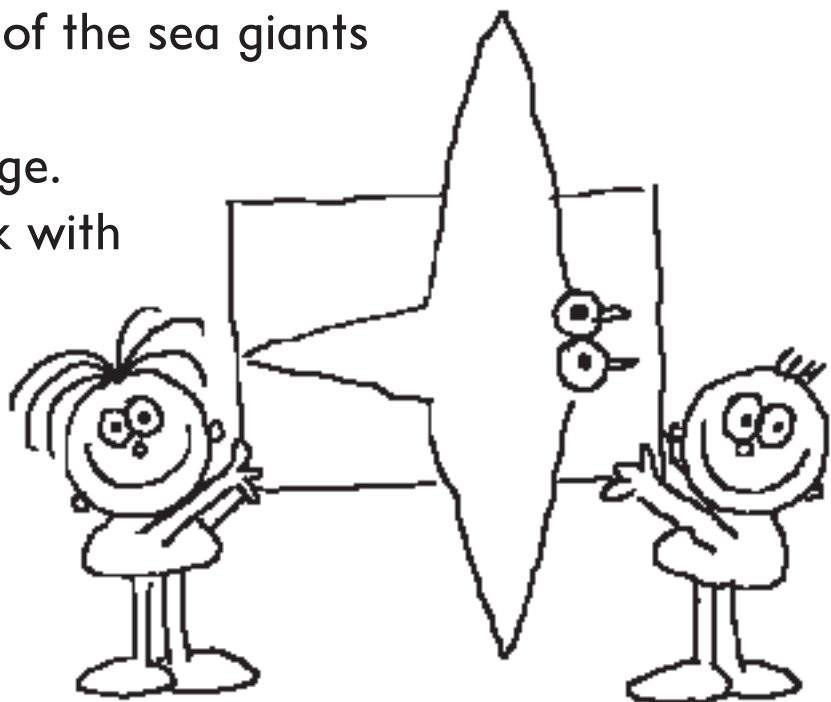
# Collage

You will need:



cardboard, newspaper, icy-pole sticks, sticks, straws, pipe cleaners, material, coloured paper, crepe paper, small boxes, sand, glue, scissors, sticky tape

1. Work with a partner to make a collage of some of the sea giants from the book.
2. Label your collage.
3. Share your work with the class.





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# Who am I?

Try to solve these *Who am I?* problems. Then make up your own.

Who am I?

I live in the sea.

I am more than two metres wide.

My tentacles can be as long as 30 metres.

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Who am I?

I live in the sea.

I walk along the sea floor.

I have large claws.

The distance between my claws is up to three metres.

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Who am I?

I live in the sea.

I reach up towards the sunlight.

Other sea creatures like to eat me and hide in me.

When I am fully grown I can be over 40 metres tall.

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Now write your own *Who am I?* card. Swap your card with a friend and try to guess the answer.



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# Measuring sea giants

Use chalk to measure the size of these sea giants on a basketball court:

blue whale: up to 33 metres long  
giant kelp: about 40 metres tall  
manta ray: about 6 metres wide  
spider crab: claw span of about 3 metres  
lion's mane jellyfish: about 30 metres long  
giant squid: up to 18 metres long

First estimate and then work out exactly how many of the following measurements, relative to your body, fit along the length or breadth of each sea giant.

Measurement	Estimate	Actual
<b><i>Name of sea giant</i></b>		
Body lengths		
Paces		
Feet		
Jumps		
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