

## Deep Sea Creatures Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts Printable Trivia Pack

Deep Sea Creatures trivia explores the animals that survive under crushing pressure, near-freezing temperatures, and almost total darkness far below the sunlit surface. From bioluminescent hunters to giant squid and anglerfish, this topic highlights some of the ocean's most unusual adaptations in a family-friendly mix of easy, funny, and challenging questions.

### HARD DEEP SEA CREATURES TRIVIA

1. In the 1934 Bathysphere record dive to 923 meters, which naturalist shared the descent with Otis Barton?

Answer: William Beebe

2. Records of colossal squid encounters are especially tied to which Antarctic sea?

Answer: Ross Sea

3. What is the scientific name of the colossal squid?

Answer: *Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni*

4. Which name belongs to the giant squid rather than the colossal squid: *Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni* or *Architeuthis dux*?

Answer: *Architeuthis dux*

5. The deepest fish collected from a trench belonged to what group, reported from the Mariana Trench?

Answer: snailfish

6. Described in 2017 from the Mariana Trench, which species is the Mariana snailfish?

Answer: *Pseudoliparis swirei*

7. Which researcher is especially known for major work on hydrothermal vent communities?

Answer: Cindy Lee Van Dover

8. Who wrote the 2015 book *The Hadal Zone* about life in the deepest oceans?

Answer: Alan Jamieson

9. At Woods Hole, who was a leading expert on squid and other cephalopods?

Answer: Richard Young

10. Which scientific name literally means "vampire squid from hell"?

Answer: *Vampyroteuthis infernalis*

11. The barreleye fish first described in 1939 bears what scientific name?

Answer: *Macropinna microstoma*

12. Which shark is the lone living species in its family?

Answer: *Mitsukurina owstoni*

13. If a deep-sea fish is nicknamed the black swallower, what scientific name are you looking for?

Answer: Chiasmodon niger

14. Named in 1879 by Alphonse Milne-Edwards, which giant isopod genus is this?

Answer: Bathynomus

#### FUNNY DEEP SEA CREATURES TRIVIA

1. Which real deep-sea fish sounds like a blobfish cousin but is actually a different animal often seen guarding eggs?

Answer: The blob sculpin.

2. True or false: The sarcastic fringehead is a deep-sea fish.?

Answer: False

3. Which fish gets around the seafloor by using its fins like tiny legs, as if it missed the memo about swimming?

Answer: The pancake batfish.

4. Bright red lips and a lure on its head belong to which fish that looks ready for an underwater costume party?

Answer: The red-lipped batfish.

5. Which octopus spreads a web between its arms like a parachute, basically bringing its own umbrella?

Answer: The umbrella octopus.

6. What creature earned the nickname 'pigbutt worm' because its rear end resembles a pig's backside?

Answer: The pigbutt worm.

7. Which squat-bodied creature often parks itself camouflaged on the seafloor like a grumpy little pebble?

Answer: The sea toad.

8. Despite the name, which real deep-sea animal is definitely a fish and definitely not a whale?

Answer: The whalefish.

9. Which deep-sea creature wears a fearsome grin but is not, in fact, a reptile?

Answer: The lizardfish.

10. True or false: A sea spider is a true spider.?

Answer: False

11. Which animal can walk and also blend in like a drifting clump of seaweed, as if it took method acting very seriously?

Answer: The hairy frogfish.

12. Which boxy fish can inflate by taking in water, becoming even rounder than its usual 'I swallowed a suitcase' shape?

Answer: The coffinfish.

13. The tiny 'sea bunny' gets its fuzzy appearance from what kind of structures?

Answer: Rhinophores and papillae.

#### FUN DEEP SEA CREATURES TRIVIA

1. Who led the team that filmed the first live giant squid in the deep sea in 2012?

Answer: Tsunemi Kubodera

2. Which 2005 documentary took viewers to hydrothermal vents and other extreme ocean habitats?

Answer: Aliens of the Deep

3. Ocean explorer Fabien Cousteau is the grandson of which famous undersea pioneer?

Answer: Jacques Cousteau

4. Which deep-sea fish pulls off the rare trick of producing red bioluminescence?

Answer: Deep-sea dragonfish

5. In one of the ocean's strangest romances, some tiny males become permanently fused to the bodies of females in what animal?

Answer: Anglerfish

6. What other name is commonly used for the gulper eel?

Answer: Pelican eel

7. Which deep-sea fish is famous for having one of the widest gapes relative to its body size?

Answer: Stoplight loosejaw

8. What cute-sounding deep-sea creature is actually a sea cucumber that walks on tube-like legs across the seafloor?

Answer: Sea pig

9. The yeti crab was formally described in what year?

Answer: 2005

10. Which fish carries glowing bacteria in light organs below its eyes, basically wearing built-in headlights?

Answer: Headlight fish

11. Which deep-sea fish has a thin, blade-like body and silvery sides?

Answer: Hatchetfish

12. True or false: A footballfish is a type of deep-sea anglerfish.?

Answer: True

13. Which siphonophore can grow longer than a blue whale?

Answer: Praya dubia

#### DEEP SEA CREATURES FAMILY TRIVIA

1. What is the name of the deepest known point in Earth's oceans, found inside the Mariana Trench?

Answer: Challenger Deep

2. In 1960, Don Walsh and Jacques Piccard reached Challenger Deep in what vessel?

Answer: Trieste

3. Which filmmaker made a solo dive to Challenger Deep in 2012?

Answer: James Cameron

4. Who reached Challenger Deep during the Five Deeps Expedition in 2019?

Answer: Victor Vescovo

5. What name is given to the seafloor features first discovered in 1977 near the Galápagos Rift, where superheated water gushes out?

Answer: hydrothermal vents

6. Tube worms living near vents depend on tiny partners for food. What are those partners?

Answer: symbiotic bacteria

7. What are the seafloor spots called where methane and other fluids leak out?

Answer: cold seeps

8. In the deep ocean, what is the gentle shower of organic material drifting down from upper waters called?

Answer: marine snow

9. Around how deep does the midnight zone begin below the ocean surface?

Answer: around 1,000 meters

10. Which ocean zone includes the deepest trenches below about 6,000 meters?

Answer: hadal zone

11. Which whale holds the title of deepest-diving toothed whale?

Answer: sperm whale

12. Which fish surprised scientists by turning up alive in 1938 after being thought extinct?

Answer: coelacanth

#### EASY DEEP SEA CREATURES TRIVIA

1. Which deep-sea fish uses a glowing lure above its mouth to attract prey?

Answer: Anglerfish

2. What deep-sea animal has the largest eyes known in the animal kingdom?

Answer: Giant squid

3. Which creature is named for its extremely large mouth?

Answer: Gulper eel

4. Which animal can flip itself into a defensive shape called the pineapple posture?

Answer: Vampire squid

5. What is the longest bony fish in the world?

Answer: Oarfish

6. Which deep-sea animal looks like an oversized pill bug?

Answer: Giant isopod

7. Which fish is famous for having unusually large teeth for its body size?

Answer: Fangtooth

8. Which deep-sea fish became internet-famous after being photographed out of water?

Answer: Blobfish

9. What octopus gets its nickname from fins that resemble Disney's Dumbo?

Answer: Dumbo octopus

10. Which fish has a transparent head that lets you see its eyes?

Answer: Barreleye fish

11. Which fish can stand on the seafloor using elongated fin rays?

Answer: Tripod fish

12. Which shark leaves neat round bite marks on larger animals?

Answer: Cookiecutter shark

13. Which glowing fish is also one of the most abundant vertebrates on Earth?

Answer: Lanternfish

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