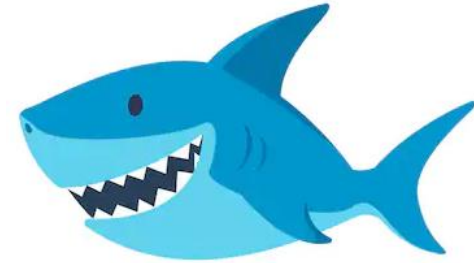


Let's give our brains a bit of a stretch before we learn some new things!

How many sea creatures can you think of?
How many can you think of by yourself?
How many can you think of together as a family?



Now take a look at the separate document "[What lives in the ocean?](#)".
Did you learn anything new?

Today we are going to learn about clown fish - when you have finished reading with an adult or older brother or sister then you can draw a picture of a clown fish and explain to someone how you know it is a clown fish. Keep your picture - you will need it again tomorrow.



Researching (finding out about) clown fish.



- Do you know anything about clown fish already?
- Watch this and see what you can find out, an adult or older brother or sister will need to help you read the facts:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZIR31HvKd4&feature=youtu.be>

- Now watch the clown fish looking after their eggs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JZM7HZQf3g&feature=youtu.be>

On the next pages you will find some more clown fish facts.

Clown fish facts

- Clownfish, or Clown Anemonefish, are known as bright orange fish with three white stripes or bars down their sides.
- They get their name from their stripes, but also from the bouncy way they swim.
- There are 28 different types (species) of anemonefish. They are different colours including pink and mostly black. Clown fish are about 10 or 12 centimetres long.
- Clownfish females can lay over 1000 eggs.
The male clownfish guards the eggs.



- The Clown anemonefish can be found in the warm shallow waters of the Southwest Pacific Ocean, the Red Sea, and the Indian Ocean.
Like in the movie Finding Nemo, they live in the Great Barrier Reef.



- They live with anemone. An anemone is a plant like creature with lots of poisonous tentacles that lives on rocks or coral in the ocean. The clownfish has a special layer of slime (mucus) on its skin that protects it from the anemone's poison.



- By living in and around the anemone, the clownfish gets protection from predators and also gets to eat scraps from the anemone's food. The clownfish, in turn, keeps the anemone clean by eating and removing bugs that live on the anemone (parasites).



- Clownfish live in groups called schools. In each group is a female leader. all clownfish are born male. If the female leader dies, the largest and strongest male will become a female and the new leader of the school. Once a male clownfish becomes female, there is no going back. It will then always be female.

Body of Clownfish

