

Under the Sea

10 questions · Ages 9+ · Circle the right answer!



Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

- 1 Which famous fish swims from the sea back up the river where it was born to breed?
 (A) Plaice (B) Cod (C) Mackerel (D) Salmon
- 2 Which wading bird with a spoon-shaped bill has started nesting in the UK again?
 (A) Curlew (B) Avocet (C) Spoonbill (D) Heron
- 3 Which UK seabird is the largest, with a wingspan of almost two metres?
 (A) Puffin (B) Gannet (C) Cormorant (D) Kittiwake
- 4 Which fish is famous for inflating itself into a spiky ball?
 (A) Angelfish (B) Clownfish (C) Pufferfish (D) Tuna
- 5 Which shark is the largest predatory fish?
 (A) Great white shark (B) Hammerhead (C) Whale shark (D) Basking shark
- 6 Which striped fish is often caught from piers in summer?
 (A) Plaice (B) Mackerel (C) Cod (D) Haddock
- 7 Which fish lives in UK waters and has a 'fishing rod' on its head to lure prey?
 (A) Anglerfish (B) Plaice (C) Mackerel (D) Cod
- 8 Which underwater flowering plant meadows shelter seahorses in UK waters?
 (A) Bladder wrack (B) Kelp (C) Seagrass (D) Duckweed
- 9 Which UK otter often hunts along the coast in Scotland?
 (A) Sea otter (B) Mink (C) Giant otter (D) Eurasian otter
- 10 Where is Bass Rock, home to a huge gannet colony?
 (A) The Farne Islands (B) Firth of Forth
 (C) The Isles of Scilly (D) The Channel Islands

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Answer key with fun facts · Ages 9+



1 Which famous fish swims from the sea back up the river where it was born to breed?

Answer: D. Salmon

Salmon can leap up waterfalls on their way upstream.

2 Which wading bird with a spoon-shaped bill has started nesting in the UK again?

Answer: C. Spoonbill

Spoonbills sweep their bills from side to side to catch food.

3 Which UK seabird is the largest, with a wingspan of almost two metres?

Answer: B. Gannet

Gannets have no external nostrils, which protects them when diving.

4 Which fish is famous for inflating itself into a spiky ball?

Answer: C. Pufferfish

Many pufferfish are very poisonous to eat.

5 Which shark is the largest predatory fish?

Answer: A. Great white shark

Great white sharks aren't found in UK waters.

6 Which striped fish is often caught from piers in summer?

Answer: B. Mackerel

Mackerel travel in large shoals.

7 Which fish lives in UK waters and has a 'fishing rod' on its head to lure prey?

Answer: A. Anglerfish

Anglerfish are also sold as monkfish.

8 Which underwater flowering plant meadows shelter seahorses in UK waters?

Answer: C. Seagrass

Seagrass meadows also store lots of carbon, and many are being restored.

9 Which UK otter often hunts along the coast in Scotland?

Answer: D. Eurasian otter

Coastal otters need freshwater pools to wash the salt out of their fur.

10 Where is Bass Rock, home to a huge gannet colony?

Answer: B. Firth of Forth

Bass Rock is home to the world's largest colony of northern gannets.