

Kid Scoop

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The Kraken



Legend Begins

Long ago, heading out to sea was an adventure into the unknown. People believed that the earth was _____. They thought if you sailed too far away from land, you would sail right off the _____ of the planet!

Replace the missing words.

CREATURES
FLAT

It took great _____ to head across the ocean in a small ship. When sailors looked into the deep, dark sea from the _____ of a ship, they imagined strange and scary _____ swimming there. One of the scariest stories told and retold through generations of _____ was the legend of the terrible, mighty Kraken!

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Are Krakens Real?

Like many legends, stories about the Kraken probably started with something real. It may have been based on sightings of a real species of squid called the colossal squid.

Jeepers! Why such large peepers?

Hold this page up to a mirror to use your peepers to read this paragraph:

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The Kraken is a legendary octopus-like sea monster of gigantic size in Scandinavian folklore. For hundreds of years, sailors told stories of a huge, many-armed creature that could reach the top of a ship's main mast. They claimed it could pull an entire ship underwater!

Sometimes it would swim in fast circles around the ship, creating a whirlpool that would suck the ship under the sea. In these stories, or legends, meeting the Kraken never ended well for the sailors.

Things Aren't Always As They Seem

In some stories about the Kraken is was said that it could float on top of the water and look like a group of islands.



How many fish can you find on this page?

Extra! Extra! Exaggerate!

Find five adjectives in today's newspaper. Make a chart by writing the adjectives in one column and the noun each one describes in the next column over. Then change each adjective and add words to each to exaggerate the meaning of the noun they are describing.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Vocabulary Development.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Find the two identical scared sailors.



Double Double Word Search

- CREATURES
- ENCOUNTER
- COLOSSAL
- FAMILIAR
- SAILORS
- STORIES
- KRAKEN
- LEGEND
- RETOLD
- WHALES
- SQUID
- SHIP
- REAL
- MEAL
- EDGE

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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 A E K P L D S R L E
 I A R A I T A D A T
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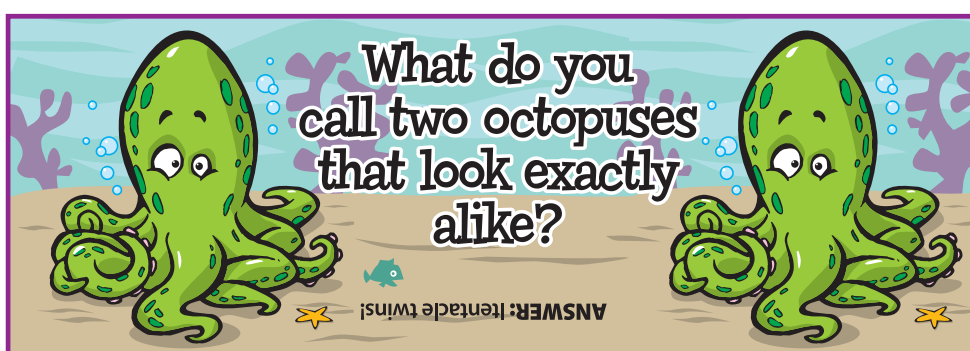
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Stretch a Headline

Choose a headline from the newspaper. Add words to the headline to make it longer and say basically the same thing. For example: Mayor Leads in Polls becomes Popular Mayor Leads Rivals in Latest Polls.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write a narrative that develops.



What do you call two octopuses that look exactly alike?

ANSWER: tentacle twins!

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