

# THE GREAT OCTO-ESCAPE

## Thanks, But No Tanks!

Replace the missing words. **SEEN** **APART** **TANK** **SOFT** **DIFFICULT**  
**SUBMARINE** **PRINTS** **ALONE** **SHIPS** **SLID**

Finding Nemo?  
 Finding Dory?  
 Finding Inky?

NEW ZEALAND – One night in April, Inky the octopus slipped silently out of his \_\_\_\_\_ at New Zealand’s National Aquarium.

The aquarium staff followed his little suction cup \_\_\_\_\_ to discover that Inky had escaped through a small gap at the top of his tank.



Once out of the tank, Inky \_\_\_\_\_ across the floor to a six-inch-wide drain. He squeezed his football-sized body through the drain which took him into the Pacific Ocean. And nobody has \_\_\_\_\_ Inky since that night!



### Shape Shifters

An octopus has a \_\_\_\_\_ body and can squeeze its body into very small spaces. In the sea, they like to live \_\_\_\_\_ in small caves, spaces under rocks or even in pottery that falls from passing \_\_\_\_\_.

Inky was added to the aquarium in 2014. He had been injured when he was caught in a crayfish pot.

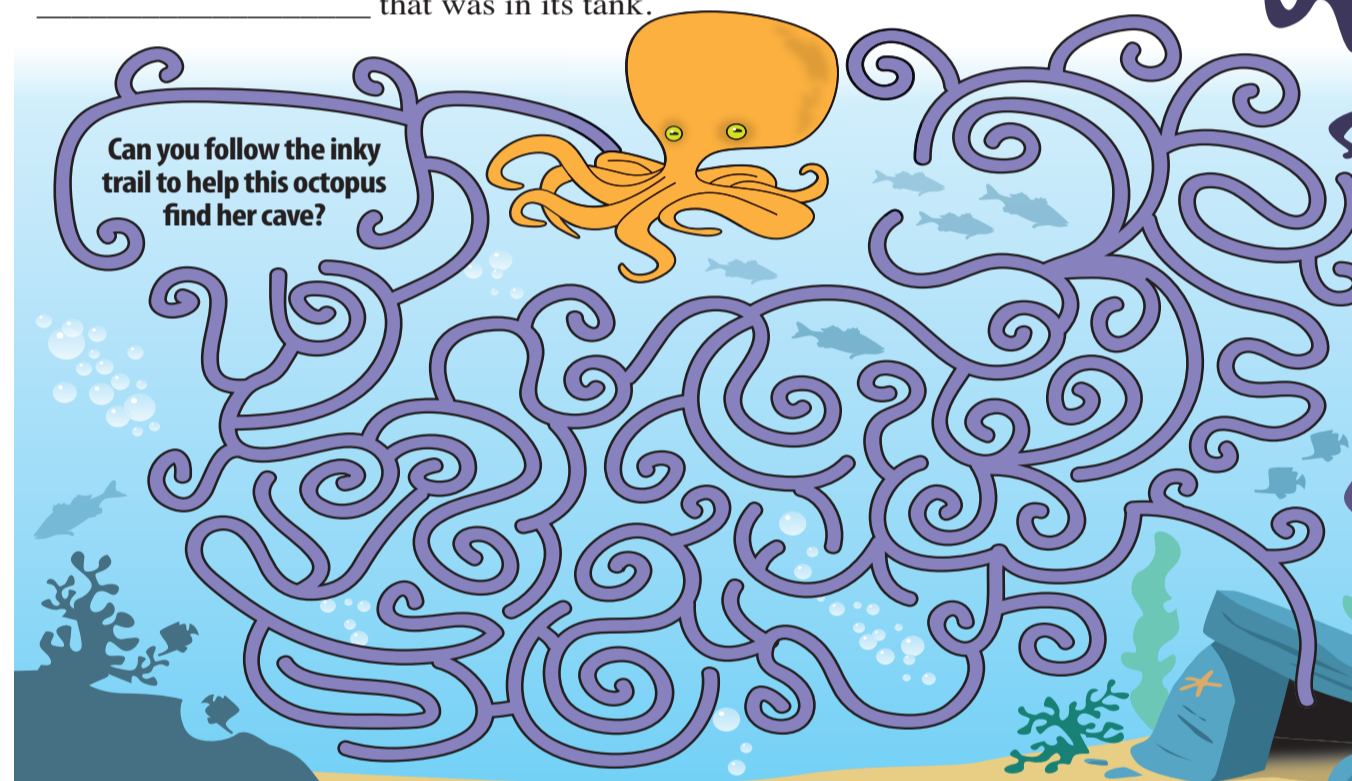
### Keep An Octopus Occupied

Octopuses are very \_\_\_\_\_ to keep in aquariums. If they get bored, they start to take things \_\_\_\_\_. In 2009, an octopus at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium in California took apart a valve and caused a flood. Another octopus took apart a little robot that was in its tank.

### Eight Arms or Legs?

An octopus has eight arms . . . or are they legs? Scientists think two of the limbs act as legs, and the rest more like arms.

These limbs are called **tentacles**. Each tentacle has two rows of suckers that sense taste. If an octopus loses a tentacle, it can grow a new one!



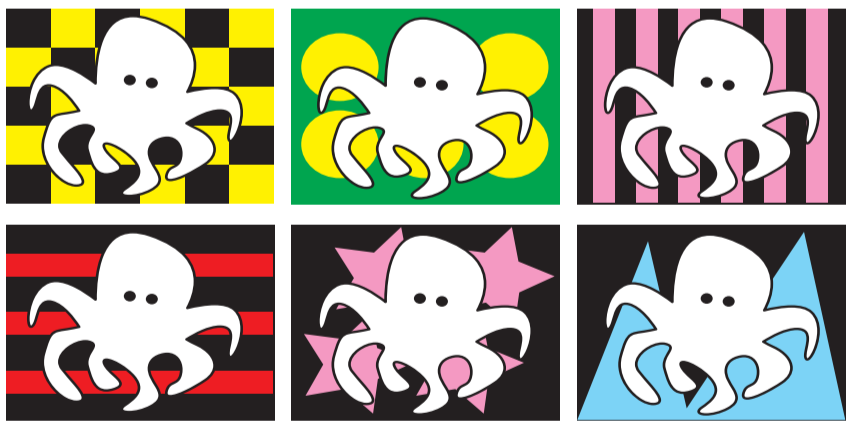
Can you follow the inky trail to help this octopus find her cave?

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Shape Search**  
 Look through the newspaper and see if you can find each of these shapes:

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Usually, an octopus is brown. But if it gets angry or scared, it changes color depending upon the mood. And it also can change colors to blend in with rocks, coral, sand and more. This is called **camouflage** (*kam-O-flawj*). Color each little octopus so it matches the background to hide.

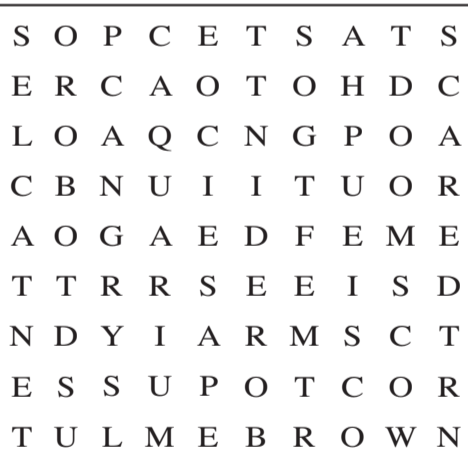


**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

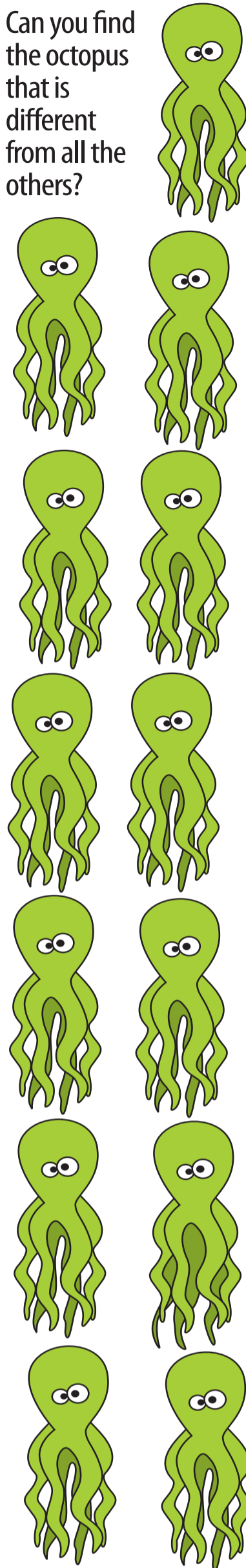
- TENTACLES
- AQUARIUM
- OCTOPUS
- PACIFIC
- SCARED
- DRAIN
- BORED
- ANGRY
- EIGHT
- TASTE
- BROWN
- ROBOT
- MOOD
- ARMS

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week’s Kid Scoop stories and activities.



**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Can you find the octopus that is different from all the others?



### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week’s word: **VALVE**

The noun **valve** means a mechanical device that controls the movement of liquid, gas or loose material and may be controlled by a moveable part.

We opened the **valve** to allow the water to drain.

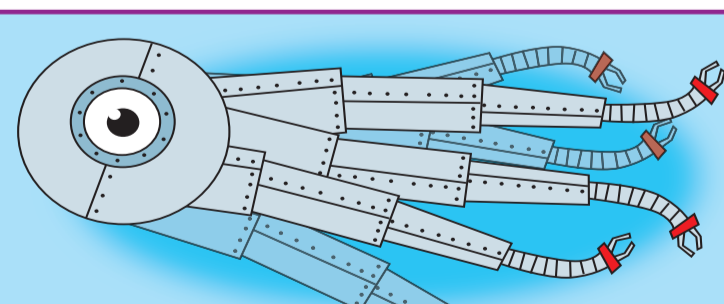
Try to use the word **valve** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

#### Ate and Eight

The words **ate** and **eight** sound the same but have different meanings and spellings. They are homophones. Look through the newspaper and see if you can find more homophones.

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



What do you call a squid that can transform itself into a robot?

**ANSWER:** Octopus Prime.

### Write On!

#### My Pet Octopus

Pretend you have a pet octopus. Describe what life is like with this pet. Be imaginative! Is it trained?

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