

ACTIVITY 1

Manta Word Search

Find ten words. Words run across, down, or diagonally down to the right. None are backward.



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MANTA
GILLS
FINS
REEF
CARTILAGE

THE MANTA RAY

OCEAN
PUP
PLANKTON
SPOTS
HABITAT

ACTIVITY 2

Manta Fact Challenge

Write T for true or F for false.

- _____ 1. A manta ray is a fish.
- _____ 2. A manta's skeleton is made of bone.
- _____ 3. A baby manta is called a pup.
- _____ 4. Mantas have a working venomous tail stinger.
- _____ 5. Belly spots can help scientists identify a manta.

Unscramble the ocean words.

TAMNA

CEONA

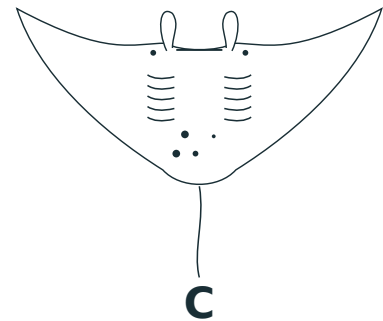
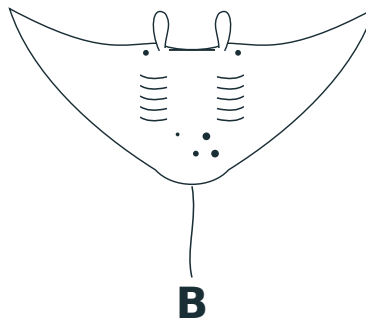
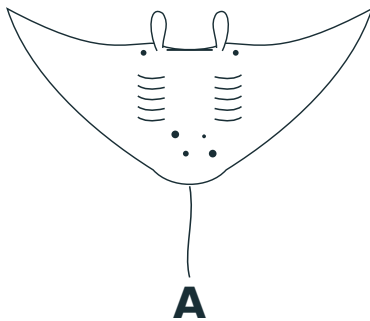
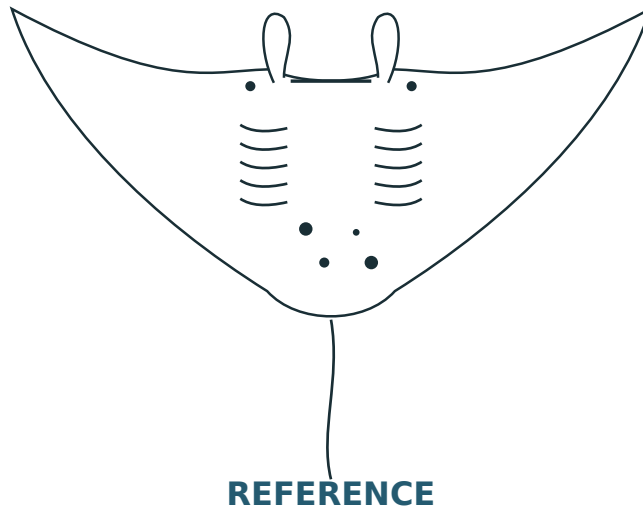
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ACTIVITY 3

Spot the Same Manta

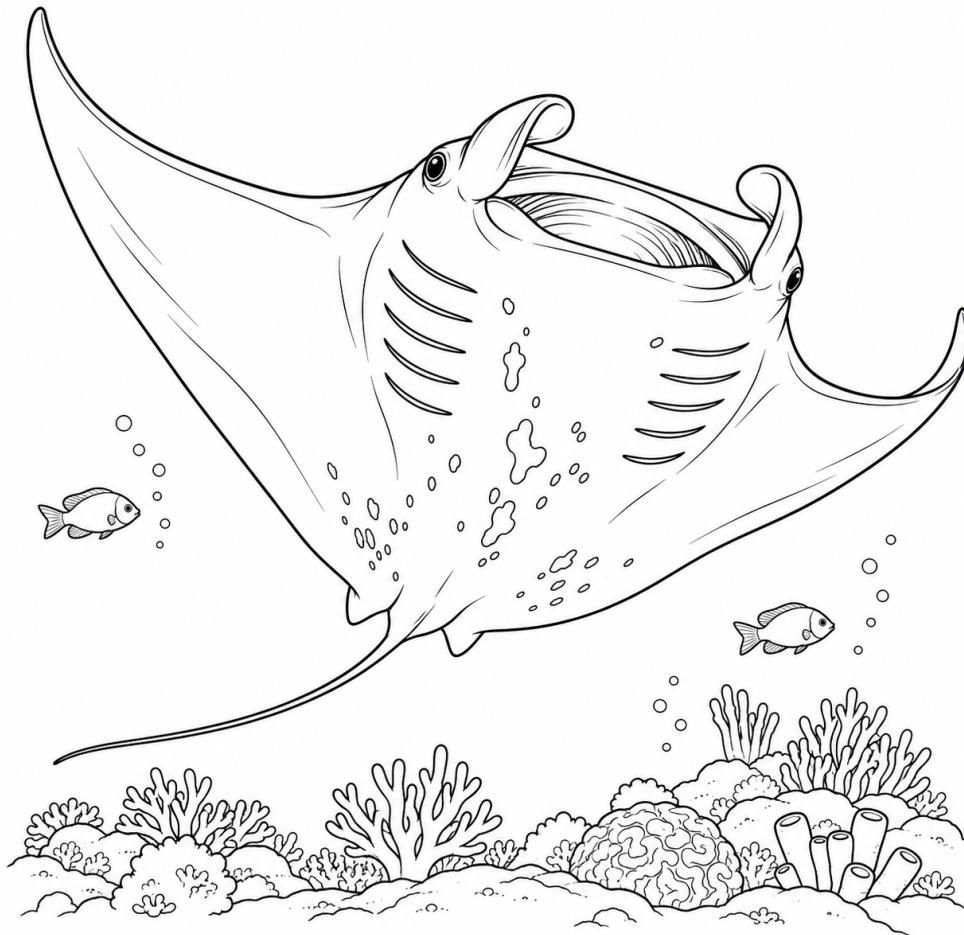
Scientists compare belly patterns. Which manta below matches the reference? Ignore the size of the drawing. Circle A, B, or C.



ACTIVITY 4

Manta Ray Coloring Page

Color this manta and its ocean home. Use the photographs for ideas, or choose your own colors.



Word Search Answers



Highlighted lines show the ten hidden words. Each word is read from its first letter to its last.

More Activity Answers

Manta Fact Challenge

1. True. A manta ray is a fish.
2. False. Its skeleton is made of cartilage.
3. True. A baby manta is a pup.
4. False. Mantas have no working venomous tail stinger.
5. True. Belly patterns help identify individual mantas.

Unscrambled Words

MANTA • OCEAN • PUP • GILLS

Spot the Same Manta

A matches the reference. The coloring page has no single correct answer.