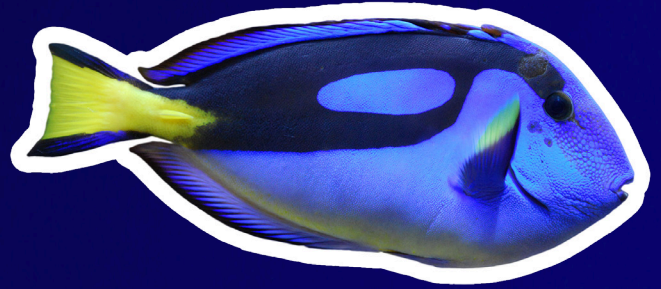
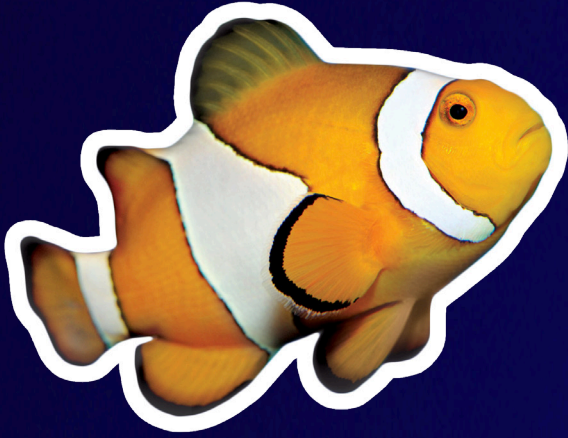


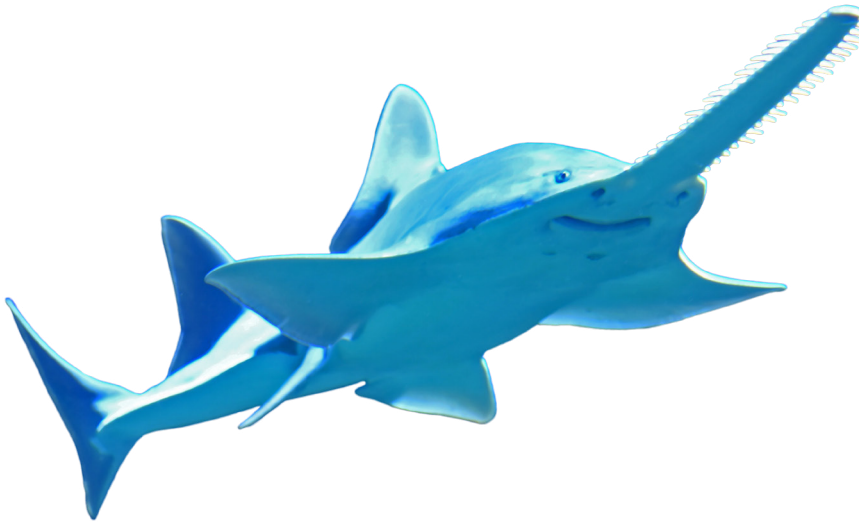
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## My Sea Friends

Teacher Guide





## Introduction to My Sea Friends

This **My Sea Friends** resource is great for Preschool-aged students to learn about marine animals and use their senses to explore different features that belong to these animals!

### PLEASE NOTE:

This resource has been produced for teachers to use for FREE and for them to use within their classroom and online learning environments.

### What's included in this resource:

- Teachers Guide
- Worksheets
- Story book
- Craft Activity
- Sea animal colouring in sheets



## Activity 1 - Fact time

Ask students if they have seen or been to an aquarium before.

If students say yes, ask them what did they see or find inside the aquarium.

Create a word wall inside the preschool, using the word wall cards (see worksheet page 2) to see what things and animals the kids have seen before at the aquarium.

## Activity 2 - Story time

Read to students "The Little Lost Egg" storybook which can be download from Merlin's Education Toolbox. <https://www.merlinannualpass.com.au/merlin-s-education-toolbox/>

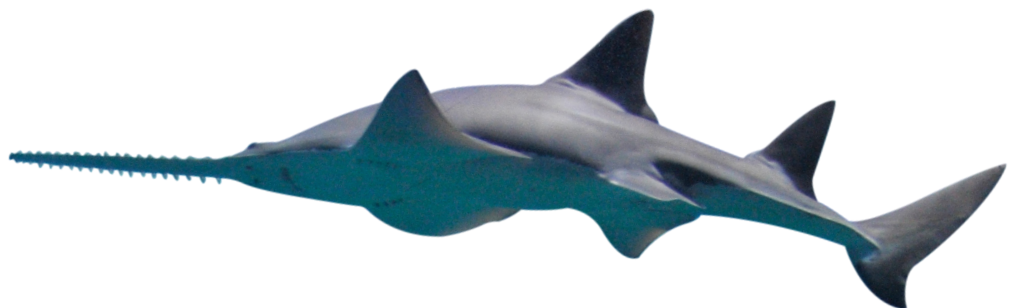
After you have finished reading the story ask the children which animals in the book lay eggs.

Have a class discussion about marine egg laying animals and get students to complete worksheet 1 (see worksheet page 9).

## Activity 3 - Guess that animal sound

Play the SEA LIFE Aquarium "Guess that Animal Sound Game!" located on [Merlin's Education Toolbox](#). Be amazed to hear what some animals sound like!

Once you have played the game, see if any students can make any other animal sounds. We are sure you can get some interesting sounds.



## Activity 4 - Sensory play

**My Sea Friends** Sensory Hide and Seek. Use the instructions below to set up a fun sensory corner in the classroom or play as a whole group activity to learn more about different animal features.

### What you need:

- A tray/ shadow box or large container
- Brushes and magnify glasses
- Animal card pictures below laminated
- Tray/box or cover
- Sensory items i.e. slime, shaving cream, sand, coloured rice, playdough, water, flour, sugar or salt!  
You can choose how messy you would like to make this activity!

### Instructions:

1. Cut out and laminate the Australian Animal Cards (see worksheet page 16)
2. Place in the bottom of your tray/box or container the Australian animal pictures, if you have some of the animal figurines you can also place in here too!
3. Place the covering of your choice over the top of the pictures and animal figurines.
4. Allow children to explore the sensory table either with their fingers or with brushes to explore what is on the bottom. When they find an object ask them to pull it out and they can use the magnify glass to look at it close.
5. Ask the child what animal they think it is and show the rest of the group!
6. Share one of the animal facts with the group from the list provided.
7. Get another child to come up until all the animal cards have been discovered!

## Activity 5- Excursion Time

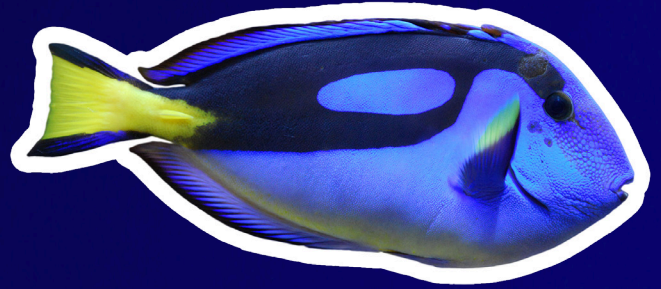
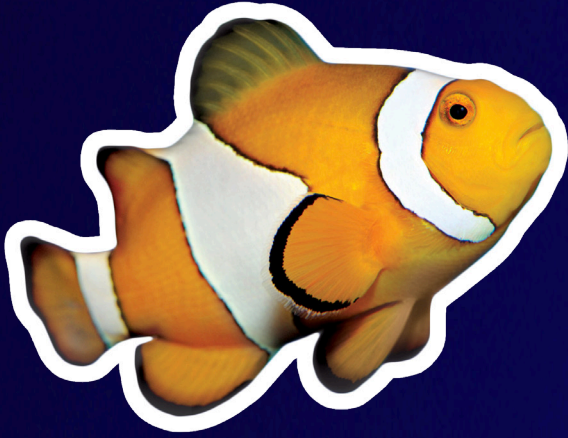
Bring children on an excursion to your local SEA LIFE aquarium, so they can experience and see first-hand some of the amazing **My Sea Friends** we have at the aquarium!

## Activity 6 - Craft Time

Create **My Sea Friend** Animal puppets! Children use Worksheet 2 to help make their master pieces!



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## My Sea Friends

Worksheets







Tank



Water



Sand





Rocks



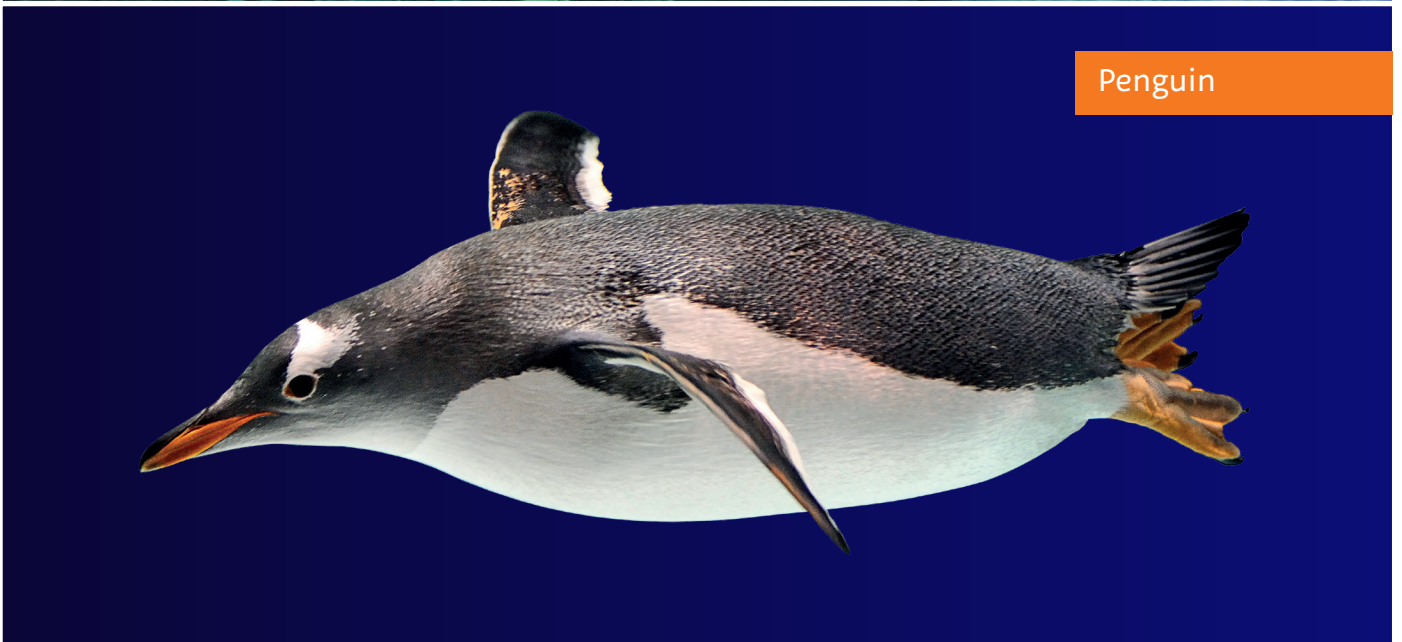
Seaweed



Fish



Shark



Penguin



Seahorse





Octopus



Sea Turtle



Stingray





Sea Star



Coral



Crab





Seal



Dugong



Sea Dragon





Sea Urchins



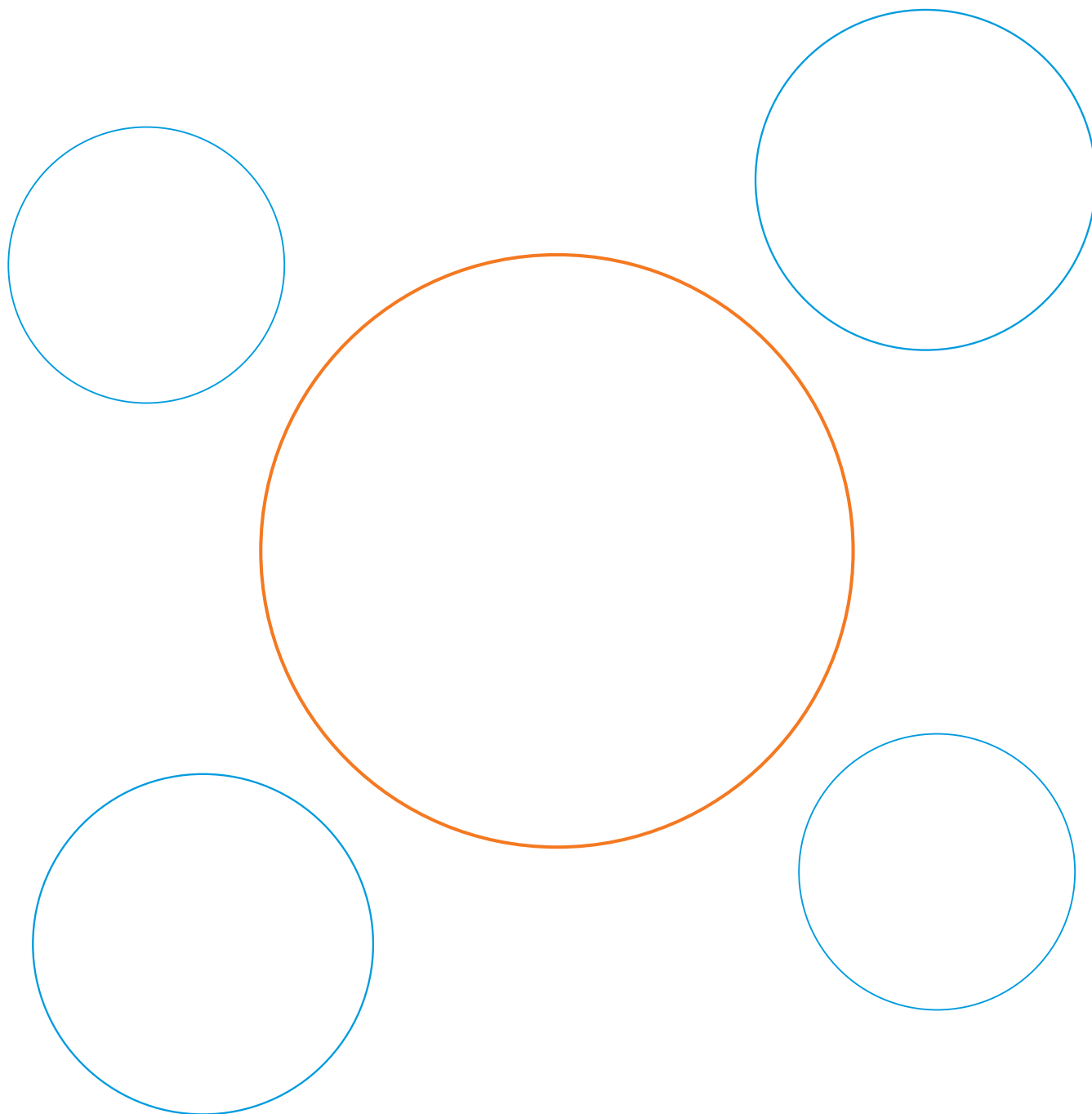
Jellyfish



## Activity 2 Worksheet 1 - Story time

Choose one of the animals from the story and draw a picture of the animal in the circle provided.

In the little circles around your picture, draw a picture of what their baby looks like when they are born or as they are hatching from the little eggs!



## Activity 6 Worksheet 2 - My Sea Friends Craft Activity

### Teacher Instructions:

You will need:

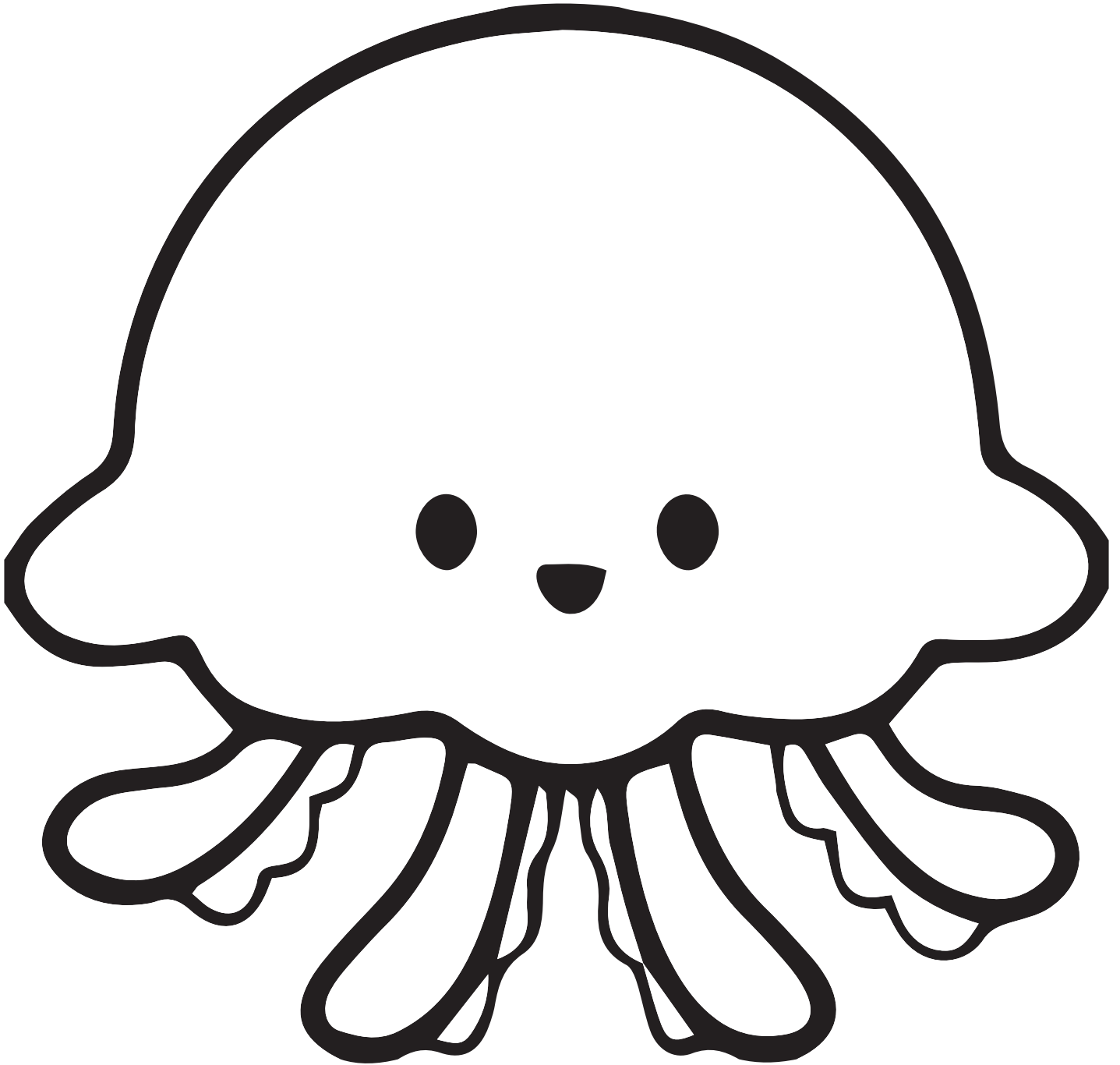
- Pom poms or feathers
- Glue
- Scissors
- Animal template photocopied on thick card
- Colouring Crayons

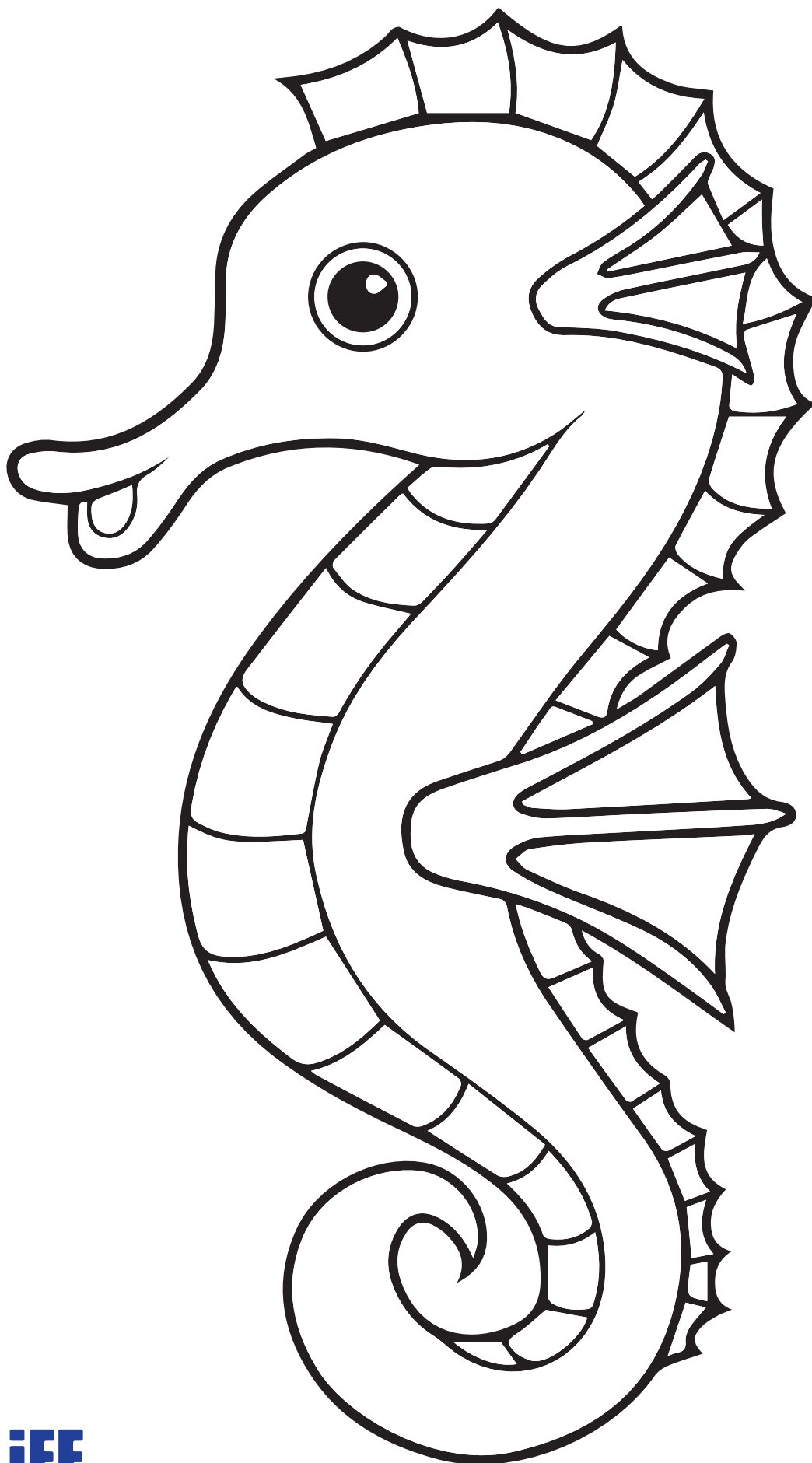
### Instructions

1. Photocopy the animal template onto thick card.
2. Depending on skill level of children either pre-cut out animal templates or allow children to cut out around the outline.
3. Children are to colour in the animals. Encourage children to use colours similar to those of the animal.
4. Once children are ready, they can use their fingers or tweezers to pick up the pom poms, crepe paper, glitter and glue to the card!
5. Once decorated, stick a paddle pop stick on the back and your animal puppet is complete.

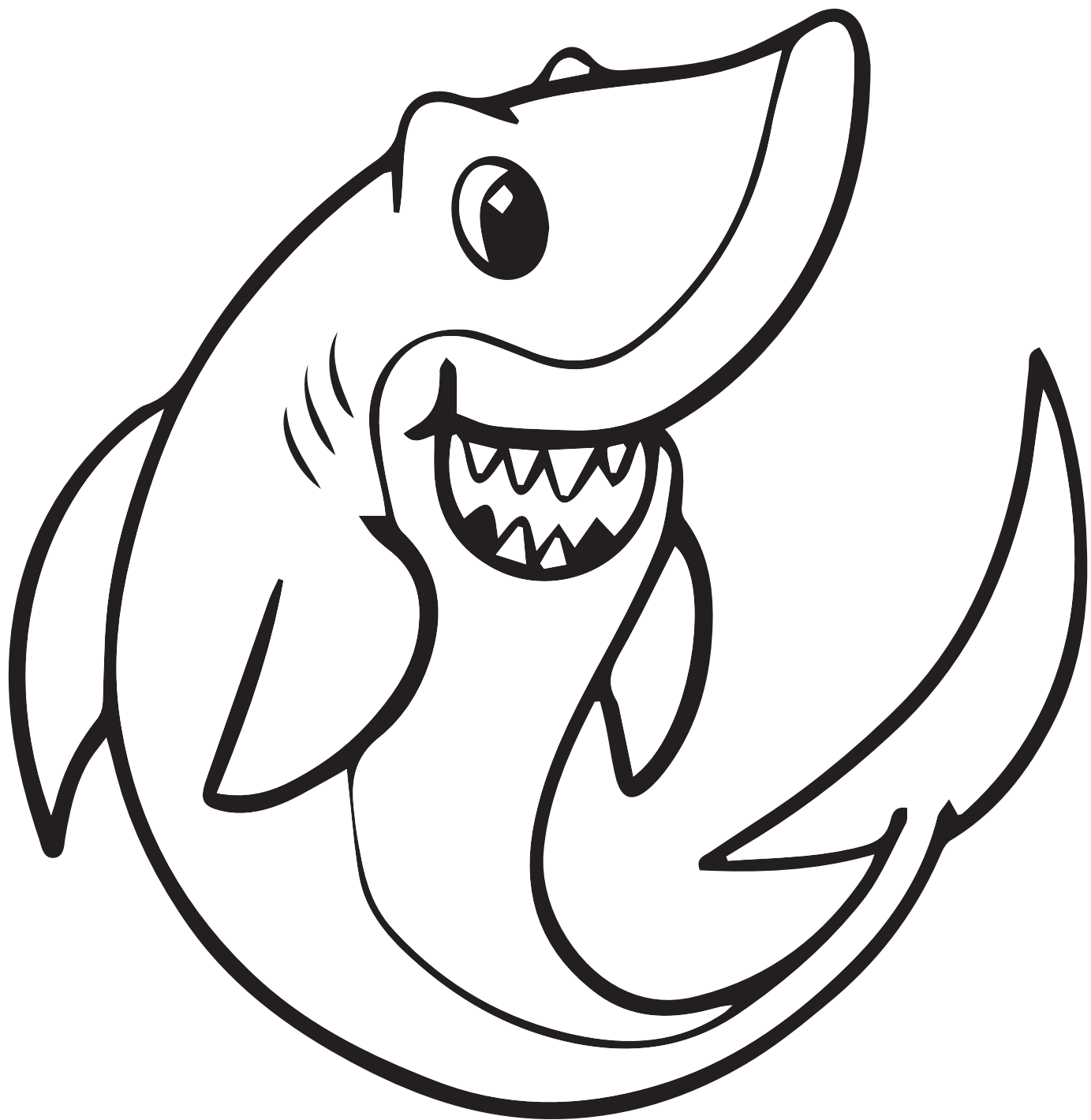
### Animal Templates

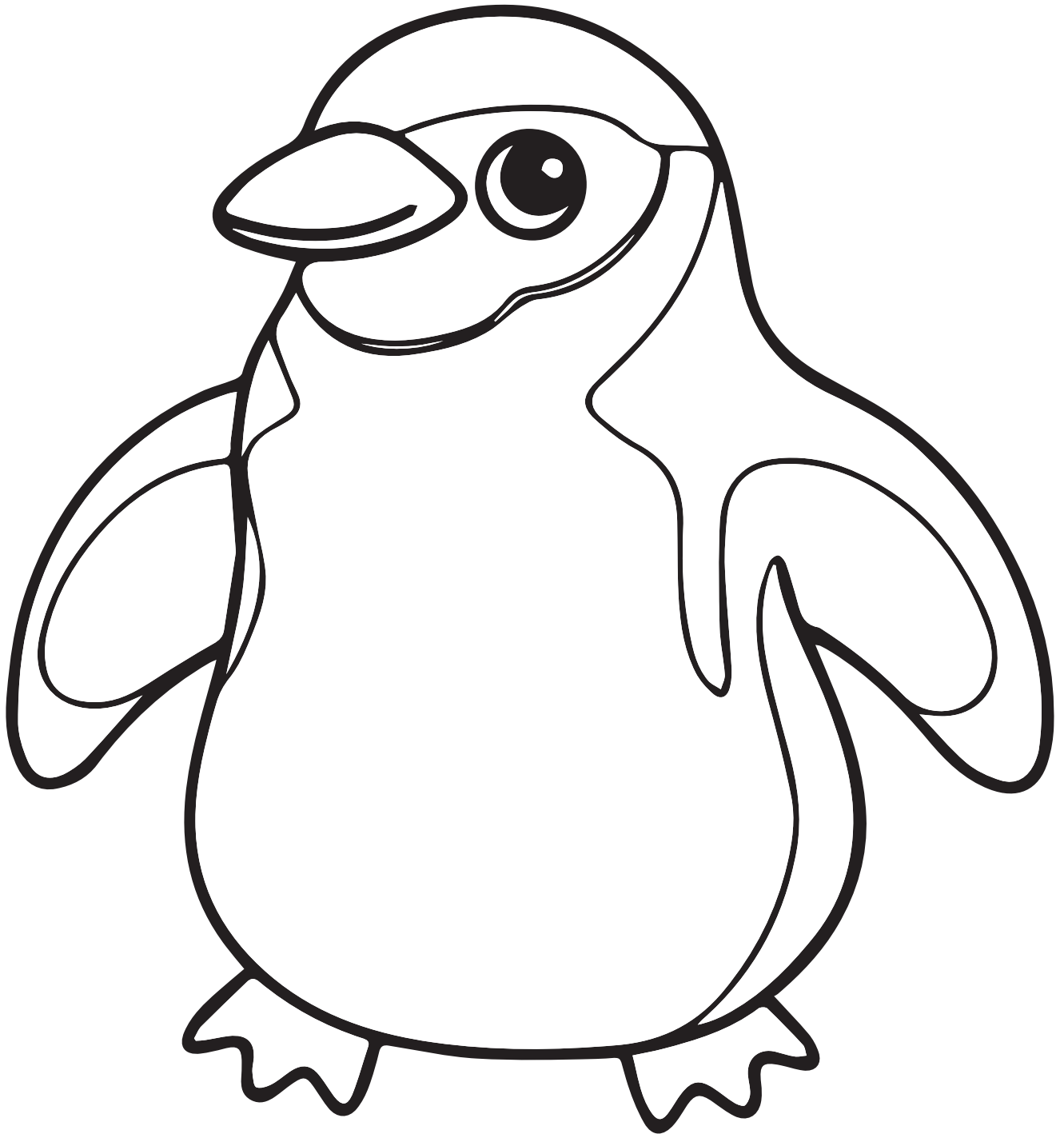
- Jellyfish
- Seahorse
- Shark
- Penguin
- Sea turtle

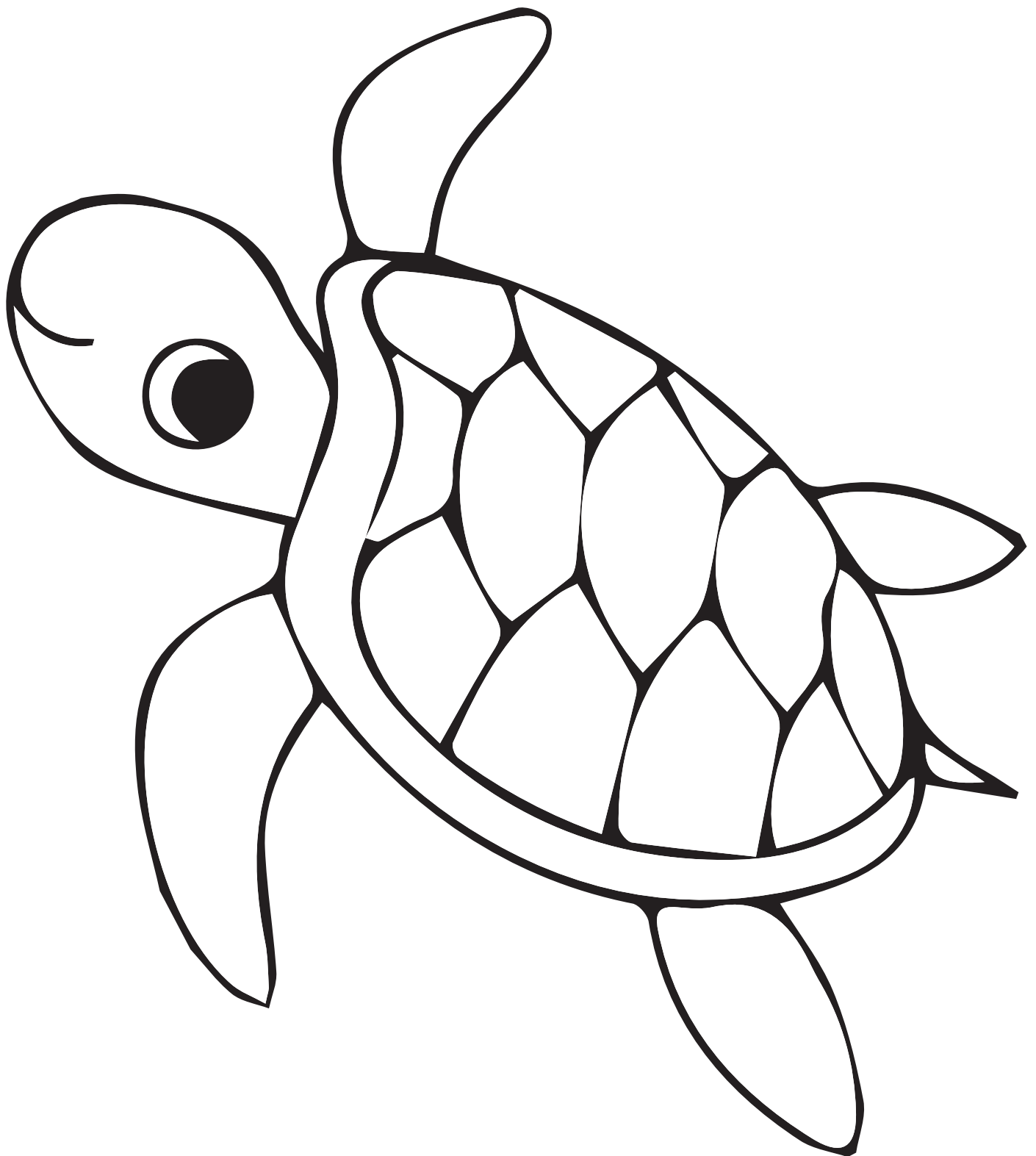












## Activity 4 Worksheet - Hide and Seek Animal Card Sheet

Tick the boxes on each picture once you've found them.

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Fish

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Shark

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Penguin

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Sea Turtle

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Stingray

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Seahorse

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Seal

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Jellyfish

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Coral



