

# OCEAN HABITATS / LESSON OVERVIEW

## Objectives

**The students will:**

- define the term habitat;
- discuss adaptations and learn how they help animals survive in different ocean habitats;
- learn the different types of habitats found in the world ocean;
- and describe the jobs of a marine biologist and oceanographer.

## Lesson Summary

**Part 1. Introduction (20 minutes)**

- Introduce the lesson by defining habitat.
- Review important information about the world ocean.
- Discuss adaptations and learn how they help animals survive in their environment.

**Part 2. Ocean Habitats (30 minutes)**

Students learn about different types of ocean habitats including, tide pools, coral reefs, the open ocean, and the deep ocean.

**Part 3. Ocean Careers (20 minutes)**

Students learn what jobs marine biologists and oceanographers do. Students then learn about several well-known scientists who study the oceans.

**Activity 1. I'm a Marine Biologist! (1 hour, take home)**

Students will use their library research skills to study a marine animal of their choice. Students will use the provided worksheet to learn everything they can about their animal.

**Activity 2. Ocean Animals (30 minutes)**

Students will get familiar with the variety of animals that live in and around the ocean. Students will also practice their cutting, arranging, gluing, and coloring skills.

## Materials

- Library books
- Computer with internet access
- Worksheets (provided)
- Pencil
- Colored pencils, crayons, or markers
- White art paper, construction paper, poster board