

Can a cuttlefish disappear in a living room?

A cuttlefish is a common sea animal with an amazing ability to change appearance. Are there any limits to this ability? Watch this video to find out.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary

1. a cuttlefish
2. camouflage
3. a predator
4. to blend in
5. chequerboard
6. a chaise longue
7. to do something 'a treat'
8. underneath

Definition

- a. an animal that kills and eats other animals
- b. to change colour or appearance to look similar to the surroundings
- c. a sea animal with eight arms and two tentacles (similar to an octopus)
- d. to do something very well (colloquial British English)
- e. a long, low seat which is similar to a sofa
- f. the colour or shape of an animal that makes it difficult for others to see it
- g. under or below
- h. a design of black and white squares

Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

	Answers	
1. The cuttlefish can change its colour but not its shape.	True	False
2. The cuttlefish uses camouflage so that big fish don't eat it.	True	False
3. The presenter wants to investigate if a cuttlefish can blend into a simpler environment.	True	False
4. The presenter says that the cuttlefish blends into the chequerboard floor very badly.	True	False
5. The presenter says that the cuttlefish blends into the chaise longue very well.	True	False
6. The conclusion of the video is that cuttlefish always blend into the items in front of them.	True	False

Task 2

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

beginnings	challenging	predators	texture	treat	underneath
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1. They can change their colour, shape and to blend in with the background.
2. It's perfect for hiding from both and prey.
3. I want to see how the cuttlefish tackle something a bit more
4. There's definitely the of a chequerboard there.
5. He's blending into the chaise longue a
6. He's not camouflaged with what he can see in front of him, he's camouflaged with what's him.

Discussion

What other amazing abilities do animals have?

Answers

Preparation task

1. c
2. f
3. a
4. b
5. h
6. e
7. d
8. g

Task 1

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. False
5. True
6. False

Task 2

1. texture
2. predators
3. challenging
4. beginnings
5. treat
6. underneath