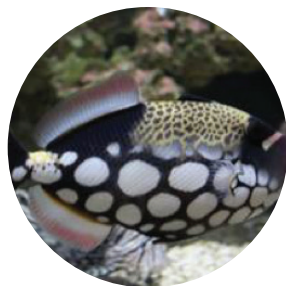


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Colours and Patterns Worksheet

We all know fish can be bright and beautiful, but many of us don't know exactly why. Sometimes it is not just so that they look nice, sometimes it is a matter of life or death!

Circle the animals below that use colour and patterns to hide:



Animals that live and travel in open-water often have a dark colour on top, and a light colour underneath. This is called c_____.

This helps them hide because:

Aside from camouflage and warning, how else do patterns help animals survive predators? Give an example.

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What are the advantages in being able to change colour?

There are a lot of reasons for fish to have patterns and colour – can you match the fish below with the reason for their colour/pattern?

Camouflage

Courting

Warning

Distraction

**Protection of delicate
body parts**

