

Woods Hole Science Aquarium



Gathering Information

An activity sheet for students 12+ years old

You can answer these questions by observing the animals, reading the signs, and thinking about what you are seeing and reading. To see our answers, send us an e-mail (woodshole.aquarium@noaa.gov) or ask for an answer sheet when you sign in at the security desk.

1. What is the scientific name for Atlantic salmon?
2. Why are Atlantic salmon in U.S. waters endangered?
3. When the eggs of Atlantic salmon hatch, what are the hatchlings called?
4. How many species of organisms live in the ocean?
5. Why are scientists looking to marine organisms for new medicines to treat disease?
6. Kemp's ridley turtles are found cold-stunned on Cape Cod beaches almost every fall. Why do we not find leatherback turtles cold-stunned on our beaches?
7. Which species in the aquarium has had a ride aboard the space shuttle?
8. Why do scientists sometimes put satellite tags on animals that are being released to the wild?
9. What animal can begin life as a female, and turn into a male as it gets older?
10. Georges Bank is famous for being one of the world's _____?
11. Lobsters don't mate until right after what occurs?

12. What do scientists look at to determine the age of fish?

13. Right whales are protected by what two laws?

14. How many teeth can an individual shark shed in a lifetime?

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