



Jellyfish *fact sheet*

Have you ever seen a Jellyfish washed up on the beach? They can be very strange looking creatures with lots of different sizes, shapes and colours!



Where Jellyfish live

Jellyfish live in the open sea. They are called *plankton* which means they don't swim around, they just move around wherever the sea takes them! Sometimes it means they get washed up into rock pools and on to beaches which is where most people see them.

What do Jellyfish eat?

Jellyfish like to eat small animals such as shrimps, prawns and small fish. They can catch their food using their tentacles. The tentacles can have a powerful sting to catch their *prey*. Some jellyfish only have a gentle sting, but others jellyfish can kill!



What do they look like?

Jellyfish are like big blobs of jelly which float on the sea. They look a lit bit like floating umbrellas. Jellyfish have very long *tentacles*. Some can be the size of a 5p coin, but others can be the size of a dustbin! They can be very beautiful.

Watch out if you see a jellyfish. They might look beautiful, and although many are harmless, some can give a powerful sting.