



The Amazing Octopus

One passage · three reading levels · same big ideas

Give every reader the same story at just-right words.

EMERGING · Grade 1-2

An octopus has eight arms. It lives in the ocean. It can change color to hide. An octopus is very smart!

DEVELOPING · Grade 2-3

The octopus is an amazing ocean animal with eight strong arms. It can change the color of its skin to hide from danger. Octopuses are so smart that some can even open a jar to find food!

ADVANCING · Grade 3-4

The octopus is one of the ocean's most fascinating creatures. Using its eight powerful arms and color-changing skin, it can seem to vanish against the rocks in an instant. Remarkably clever, an octopus can solve puzzles and even twist open a jar to reach the tasty meal hidden inside. →



Word Bank

ocean — the big body of salt water

camouflage — hiding by blending in

clever — smart at figuring things out

vanish — to disappear

Draw & Write

Draw an octopus hiding in the ocean.

Then finish this sentence:

"An octopus can hide because _____."

Let's Think About It



1. How many arms does an octopus have? RECALL

2. Where does an octopus live? RECALL

3. Why might an octopus change its color? INFER

4. How do we know an octopus is clever? INFER

5. If you could change color like an octopus, when would you use it? CREATE

