

*Sea Creatures Paired Texts



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Deep Sea Discoveries

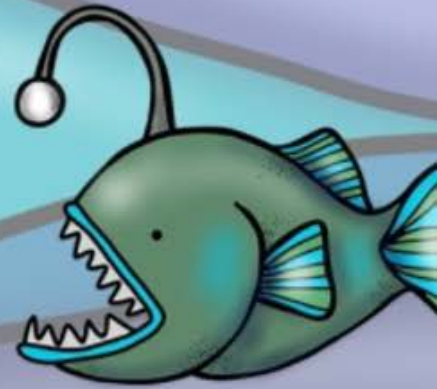
Most people wouldn't think that a single photon of light is important. But it is! Light is the only way we can see things in the deep sea. Without light, the deep sea would be a dark, featureless void. Scientists use special cameras called "light traps" to catch bioluminescent organisms that glow in the dark. These organisms use light to attract prey or to communicate with each other. Some deep-sea creatures, like the anglerfish, have a glowing lure that helps them find food in the dark. Other creatures, like the firefly squid, can glow to camouflage themselves from predators. The deep sea is a mysterious and fascinating world, and scientists are still discovering new secrets about the creatures that live there.



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6. Why did the author include information about fireflies and glow worms in Deep Sea Discoveries? * 1 point

- People are more familiar with these animals, so they can understand bioluminescence.
- They are the anglerfish's prey.
- They live underwater with anglerfish.
- They are what scientists use to attract giant squids.

7. How are giant squids and lion's mane jellyfish similar? * 1 point

- They both have tentacles.
- They both have suction cups.
- They both have large eyes.
- They both live in large groups.

How do animals survive in the deepest part of the ocean? * 3 points

Be sure to cite evidence from both texts to support your answer.

Your answer
