

**Think Freely**

What do you think about when you hear the word "ocean"?

**Amazing Angler Fish** 3-4

The world's **oceans** are some of the most interesting places on the planet. They are home to many strange animals, and one of the strangest is the angler fish. These animals usually live at the bottom of the ocean, and they're very ugly. They have very big heads, and their mouths **are filled with** rows of sharp teeth. But what makes them really **unusual** is how they catch their food.

Many angler fish can use parts of their bodies to make a light. Because animals that live in the **deep** ocean usually spend all their time in the **dark**, they are very interested in these lights. They often move **closer** to the lights to get a better look at them, but when they get too close, the angler fish **attack** them.

Sometimes, angler fish eat their food in one bite, but that's not always **possible** with bigger animals. That doesn't mean they stay away from big animals. These fish aren't scared of anything, and they will even attack things that are **twice** as big as them. Because they are **able** to change the shape of their bodies, they are able to eat very big fish. The angler fish really is an amazing animal!

**Fun Fact!**

Angler fish get their name from the way they catch their food—just like human anglers who catch fish with a rod, line, and hook.



**Comprehension Zone**



**Choose the best answers.**

**Main Idea**

1. What does the passage mainly talk about?
  - a. The most interesting places on the planet
  - b. Some animals that live in the deep ocean
  - c. One of the strangest animals in the sea

**Details**

2. The writer thinks \_\_\_\_\_ are very interesting.
  - a. oceans
  - b. fish
  - c. lights
3. Angler fish usually live \_\_\_\_\_ the ocean.
  - a. anywhere in
  - b. at the top of
  - c. at the bottom of
4. The writer says the way angler fish \_\_\_\_\_ makes them really special.
  - a. swim
  - b. eat
  - c. catch food
5. Animals get close to angler fish because they are interested in angler fish's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. lights
  - b. looks
  - c. big heads

**Inference**

6. What can be inferred from the passage?
  - a. Angler fish like eating big animals more than small ones.
  - b. Angler fish like eating small animals more than big ones.
  - c. Angler fish are happy to eat both big and small animals.

**Word Link**



**Match the word with its meaning.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. close
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. twice
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. ocean

a.	two times
b.	that can happen or be done
c.	to try to hurt or kill someone

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. possible
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. unusual
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. dark
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. able
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. be filled with
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. deep
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. attack

d.	having the power, time, money, or skill that is needed to do something
e.	a large area of salt water
f.	near; not far away
g.	with very little or no light
h.	being a long way down
i.	making something full
j.	special

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**Think and draw.**

What do you think the bottom of the ocean is like? Complete the mind map. Then, what do you think most fish living there look like? Draw your ideas below.


