

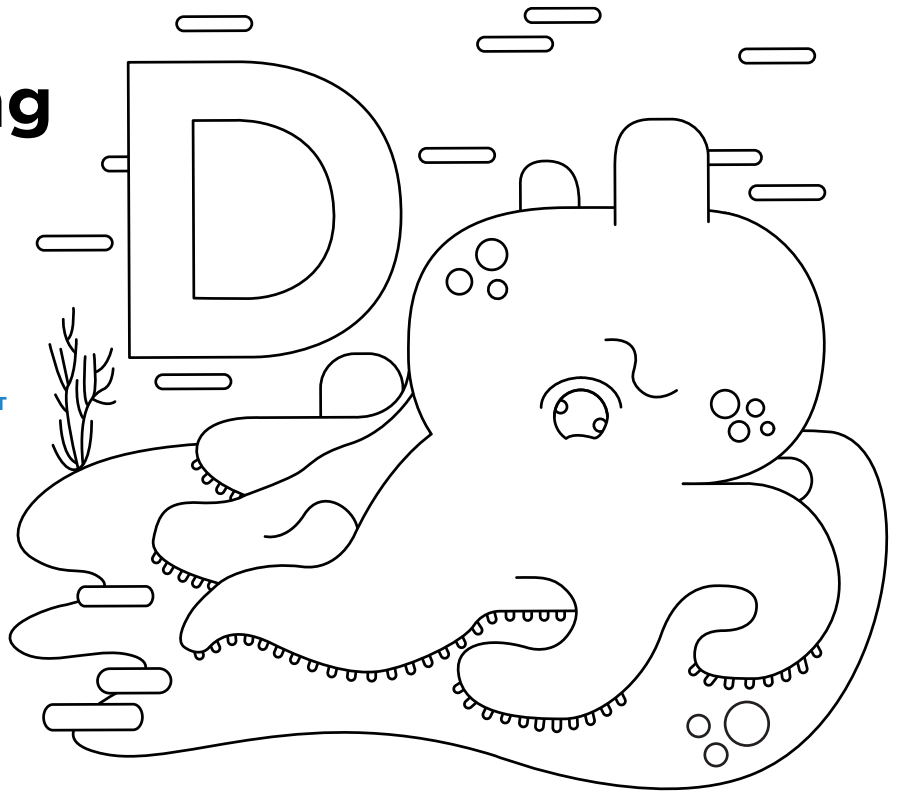
Our Outstanding Octopus

Activities for the young—and young at heart!

DUMBO OCTOPUSES LIKE THIS LITTLE GUY ARE DEEP-SEA RELATIVES OF THE AQUARIUM'S GIANT PACIFIC OCTOPUS. GRAB YOUR CRAYONS AND COLOR HIM IN!

USE THE BOLDDED WORDS IN THIS OCTOPUS BIO TO SOLVE THE WORD SEARCH BELOW.

The National Aquarium's giant **Pacific** octopus **habitat** can be found in the *Surviving Through **Adaptation*** gallery. Octopuses can be found in every **ocean** on Earth! Giant Pacific octopuses dwell in the shallow and **deep** waters of the Pacific Ocean, on the western coast of North America up to Alaska and southwest to Japan, as much as 2,500 feet beneath the surface. Other octopuses, such as the Dumbo octopus, are only found in the deepest parts of the ocean, at depths of up to 13,000 feet. The **octopus** is a **mollusk**, related to squids and snails. Like **squid**, the octopus is a **cephalopod**, which comes from the Latin words for head and foot since its feet—or **arms** in this case—are attached to its head. Its mouth includes a hard **beak**, used to break open tough prey such as crabs and snails, and is located on the underside of its body. It pounces upon prey, enveloping it in its inter-arm **webbing**. By drawing water into its **mantle**—the muscular structure that houses the octopus's organs—and rapidly expelling it through a tube-like **siphon**, an octopus can jet itself backward, away from danger. When cornered, octopuses can emit a thick black **ink**, which confuses potential predators, giving the octopus a chance to escape. Speaking of disappearing, the octopus is a master of **camouflage**, instantly changing the color and texture of its skin to blend in with its environment as needed.



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