

Captain Jellybeard and the Giant South Sea Prawn

Teacher Resources, Week 5

This PDF contains:

- **Text Questions:** In this section, you will find questions about the chapter. These can be used orally in guided or shared reading discussions, as an independent comprehension exercise, or as part of a written homework or reading club activity.
- **Writing Activities:** Fiction Express for Schools provides a brilliant springboard into writing and some ideas and inspiration are provided in this section.
- **Templates:** This section provides printable templates for one, or some, of the exercises suggested in the 'Writing Activities' section.
- **Other Extension Activities:** This section provides ideas for cross-curricular extension activities related to the chapter.
- **Worksheets and Puzzles:** This section provides printable worksheets and puzzles for student use. Answers are also provided where appropriate.
- **Key Words and Phrases:** This section provides a selection of key words and phrases from the chapter for use in a classroom literacy display or 'working wall'.
- **Picture Resources:** This section provides images to inspire student discussion. These images can be displayed on a whiteboard or printed.
- **Resources:** Here you will find a list of relevant websites and books that students might find useful.

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Text Questions

Chapter 5: Whhooaaaaa!

1. What does the author mean when he writes: 'The sea began to bubble and boil'? How do you see this in your mind?
2. What was making the two clicking noises?
3. Why couldn't the *Silly Sally* sail away from the giant crab?
4. How did one half of the crew feel when the *Silly Sally* was being spun around? How did the other half feel?
5. What was the strange creature covered with?
6. How big were the prawn's eyes? How long were its feelers? What are feelers?
7. What does the prawn tell the crab that it shouldn't do with its food?
8. Why doesn't the Giant Prawn want to go to the theme park?
9. What was the first thing that the prawn brought up from the seabed?
10. How did the prawn fix the ship's sails?

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Writing Activities

Imagine you are a member of the crew onboard the *Silly Sally*. You are writing a letter home to tell everyone about your adventures.

Retell the story of *Captain Jellybeard and the Giant South Sea prawn* as a letter home. Don't forget to describe the different scenes, and the weather conditions. Say how you felt when the adventures were taking place.

Template provided.

In 100 words, describe what the Giant South Sea Prawn looks like.

You can use some of the descriptions from the text, but add your own ideas, too, for example what colour it is and how many legs it has.

What would you do if someone gave you a chest full of gold? In 100 words write what you would do with all that money.

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Other Extension Activities

Drama Activity – Hot seating

Choose your favourite character from *Captain Jellybeard and the Giant South Sea Prawn* and pretend to be him or her. Sit on a chair as the character while other pupils ask you questions. You can make up the answer if you don't know it! Swap over so that other pupils can be hot-seated as different characters.

Art Activities

Draw a picture of the Giant South Sea Prawn. Use the descriptions in the text and add some of your own. Label your picture with the different parts of the prawn. Add a tiny *Silly Sally* to your picture to show how big the prawn is.

Make your own puppets and act out your favourite part of *Captain Jellybeard and the Giant South Sea Prawn*. You could make spoon, finger, shadow or hand puppets and decorate them with paint, string, foil or anything else that you like. Make a short film of your puppet show to share with other classes.

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Make your own Giant South Sea Prawn out of papier mâché. Re-read the description in chapter 5 and look online for pictures of prawns to help with your design.

Take photos of your prawn and send them to Laura Fiction Express at laura@fictionexpress.co.uk - we'd love to see them posted on the

Fiction Express blog!

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Key Words and Phrases

Here is a list of challenging or potentially unfamiliar vocabulary used in Chapter 5 of *Captain Jellybeard and the Giant South Sea Prawn*: **knocking in fright, torn to shreds, a booming voice, towered, creaked and groaned, quest.**

You may wish to explore this vocabulary with your pupils, to aid their understanding of the chapter and enhance, or 'up level', the quality of their own writing.

You might like to use the boxed versions of the words below on your 'working wall' or literacy display!

**knocking in
fright**

torn to shreds

**a booming
voice**

towered

**creaked and
groaned**

quest

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Picture Resources

This picture shows a sea monster spinning an old ship around.

Is this what you thought the *Silly Sally* might have looked like when it was being spun around by the giant crab?

The sea monster in this picture is called a kraken. Do you know what a kraken is? Does the kraken really exist?

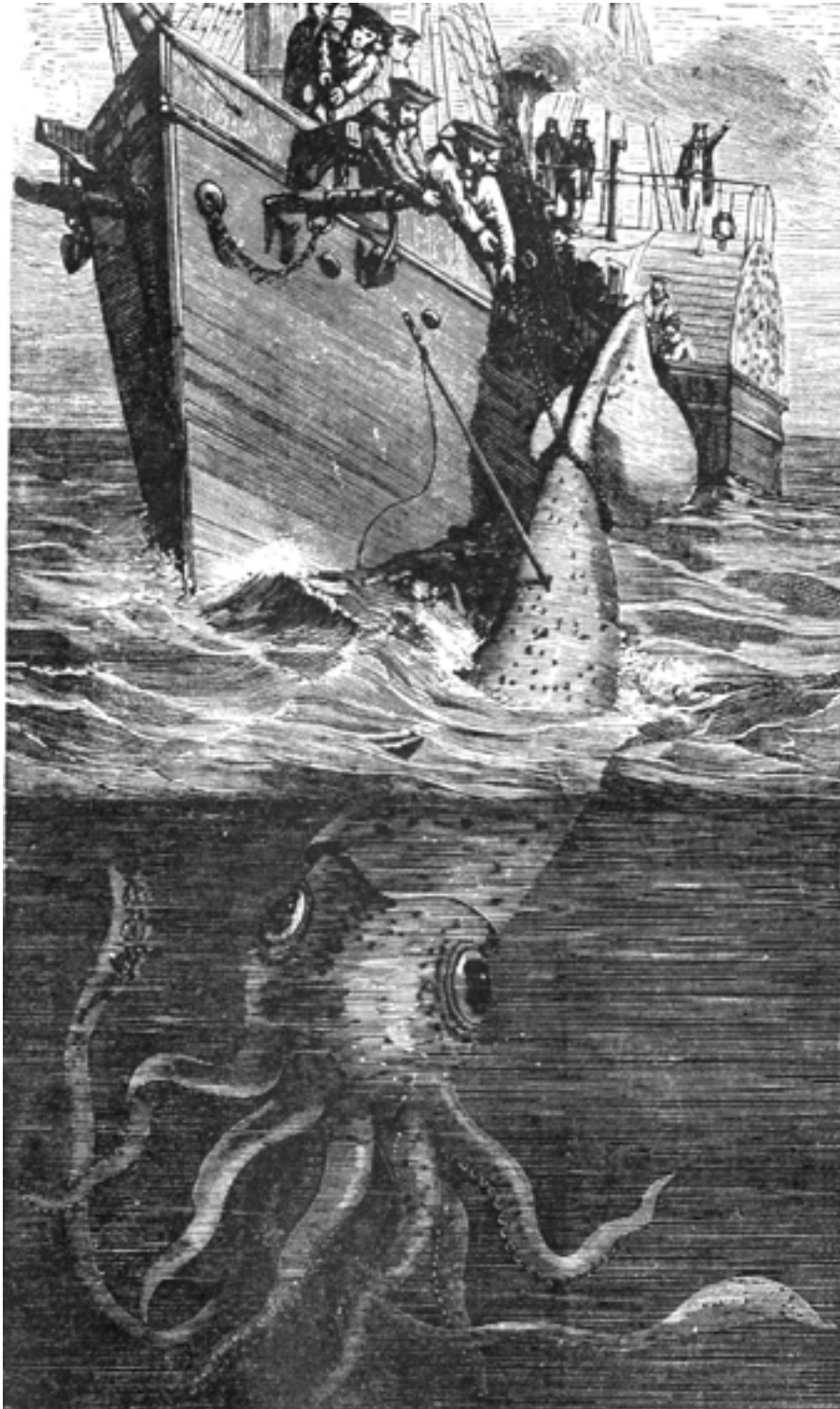


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Picture Resources

This picture shows fishermen hauling in a sea monster.



What is the monster these fishermen are hauling in?

Do these creatures really exist?

Do you think this is an old picture or a modern one?

How do you think their ship is powered?

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Picture Resources

This picture shows lots of different deep-sea creatures.



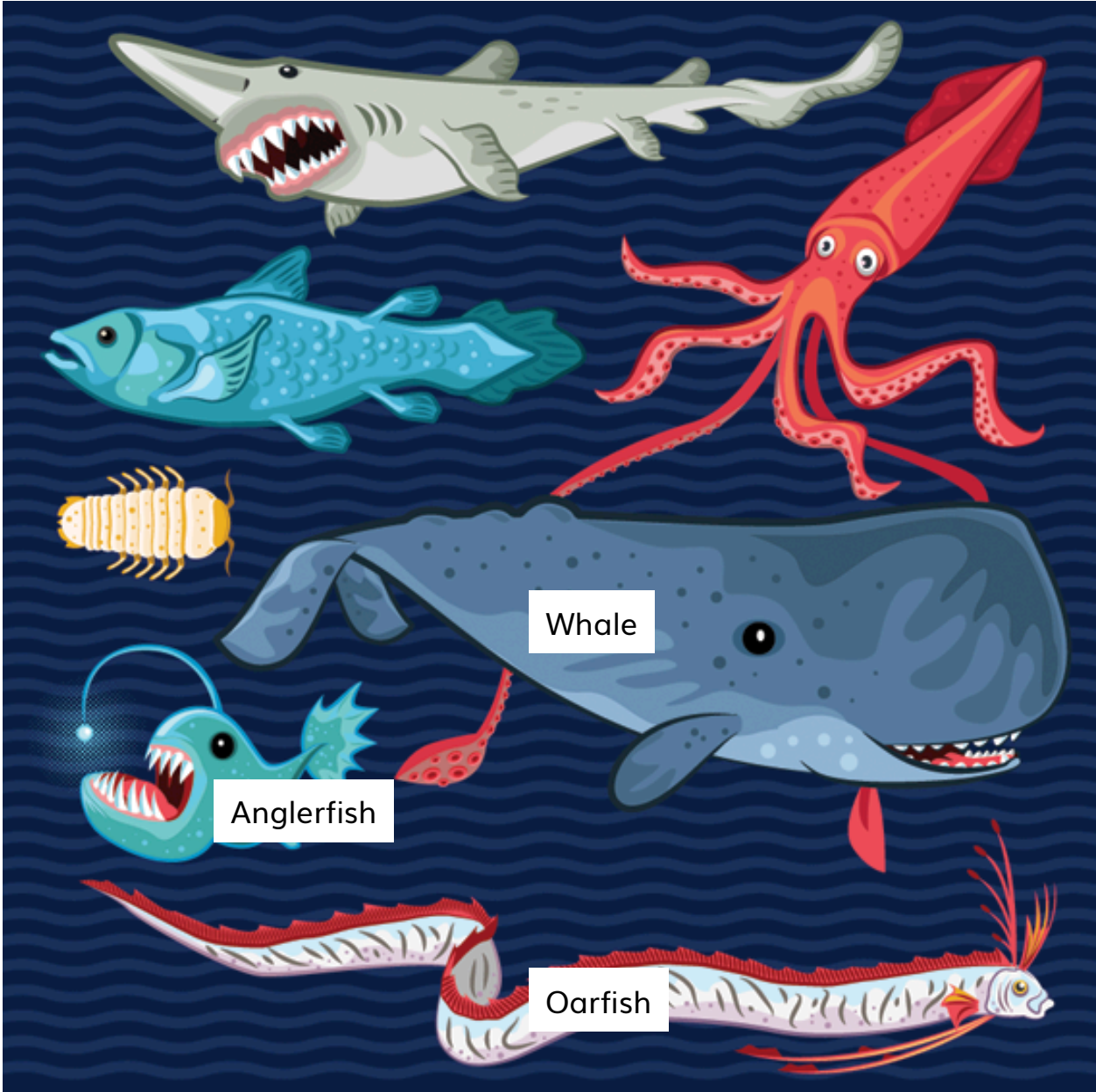
Can you label each one? (You might have to do some research on the Internet to help you.)

When you have labelled all the pictures, write a paragraph about each creature.

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Picture Resources ANSWERS



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Resources

Websites

This National Geographic website has some great photos of real deep-sea monsters:

http://ocean.nationalgeographic.com/ocean/photos/deep-sea-creatures/#/deep-sea02-spider-crab_18162_600x450.jpg

Videos

The BBC Newsround article contains the first ever film of another monster of the deep – the giant squid:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/20949939>

Books

Non-fiction

Weird Sea Creatures by Erich Hoyt, Firefly Books, 2013

Really Weird Fish by Clare Hibbert, Franklin Watts, 2011

Fiction

Beastquest: Narga the Sea Monster by Adam Blade, Orchard Books, 2008

Pugwash and the Sea Monster by John Ryan, Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2012