

# I Swam In The Ocean And What Did I See?

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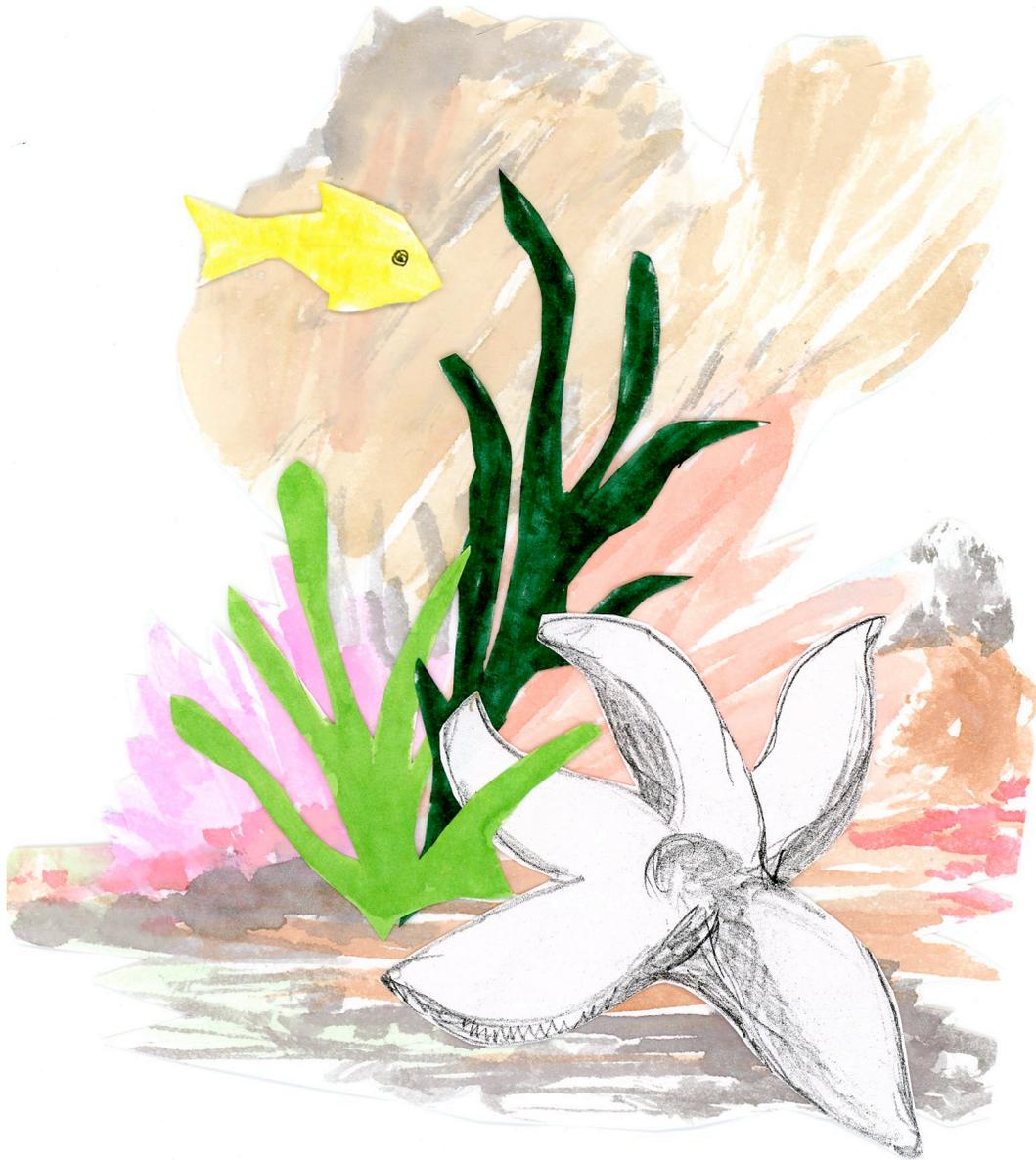




I swam in the ocean and what did I see?

A sea turtle paddling steadily.

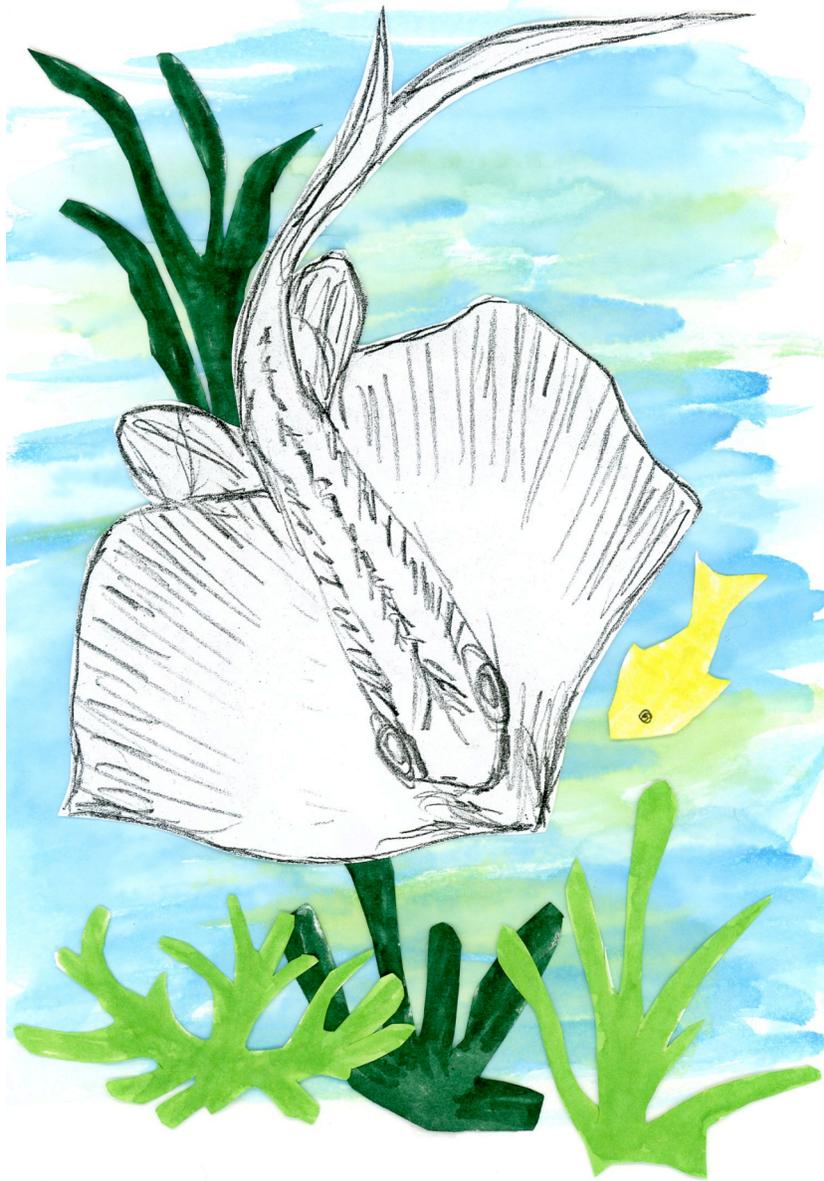
I turned and called, "Paddle free greenie."



I swam in the ocean and what did I see?

A sea star cruising noiselessly.

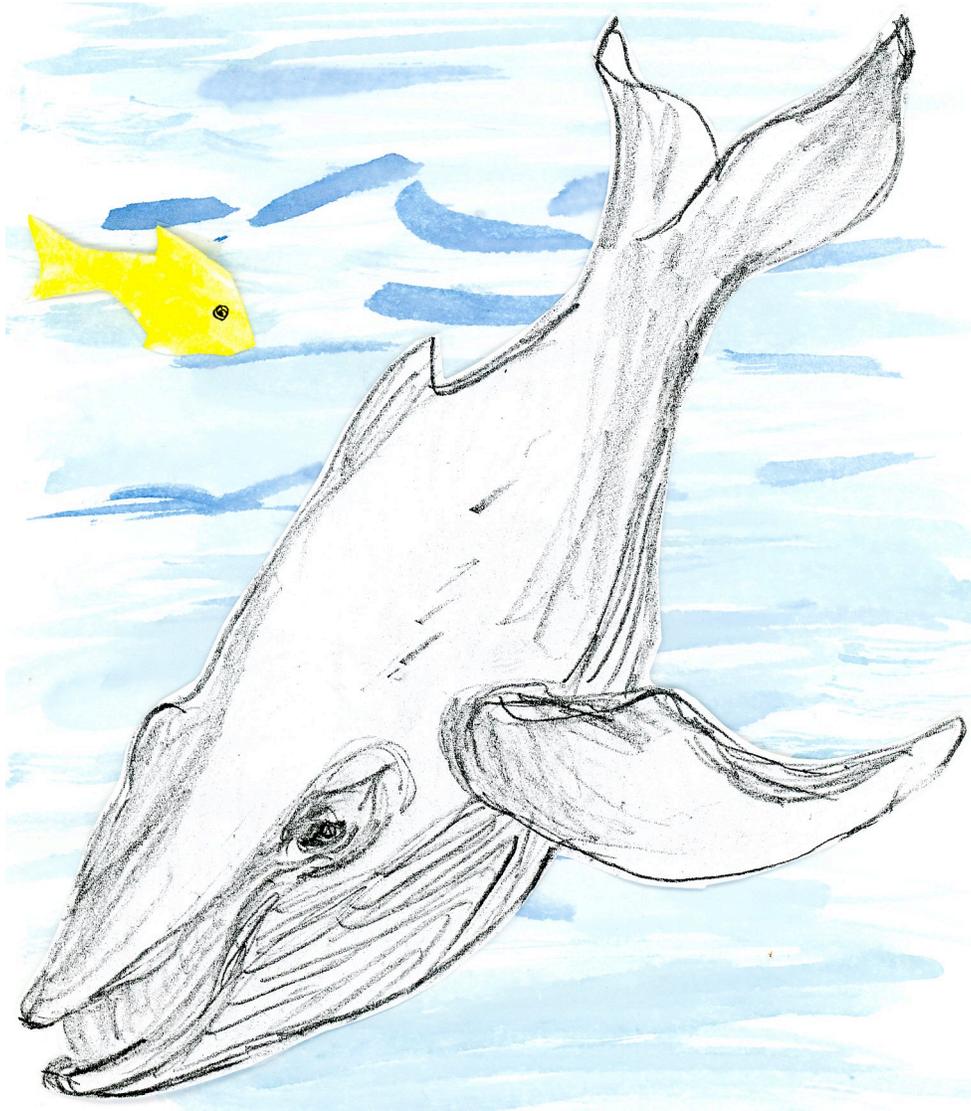
I turned and called, "It's not so far sea star."



I swam in the ocean and what did I see?

A sting ray flapping alongside me.

I turned and called, "Sway sting ray."



I swam in the ocean and what did I see?

A blue whale swimming next to me.

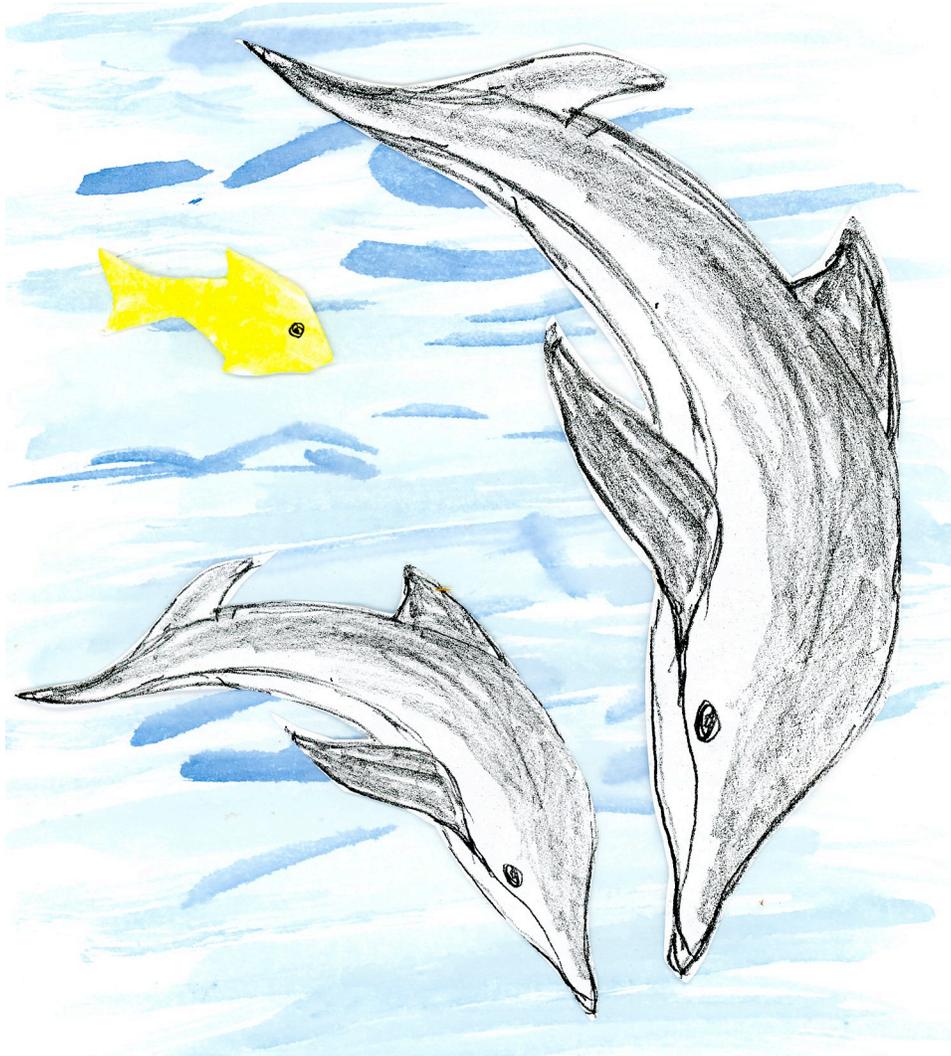
I turned and called, "Come sail blue whale."



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A lobster walking below me.

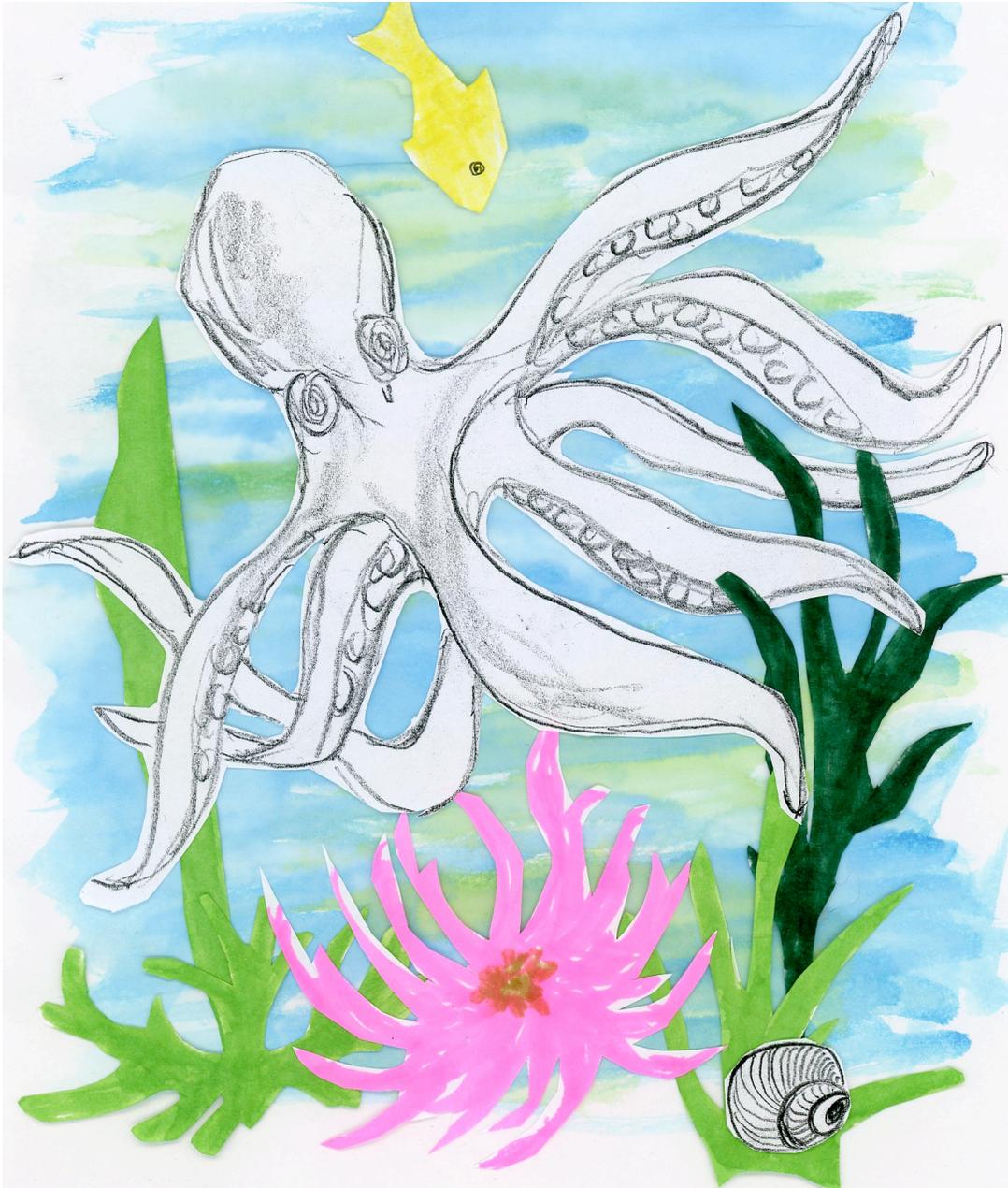
I turned and called, "Move your paws claws."



I swam in the ocean and what did I see?

Dolphins spinning beneath me.

I turned and called, "Tail spin dolphins."



I swam in the ocean and what did I see?

An octopus swimming silently.

I turned and called, "Schuss octopus."



I swam in the ocean and what did I see?

A sea anemone swaying free.

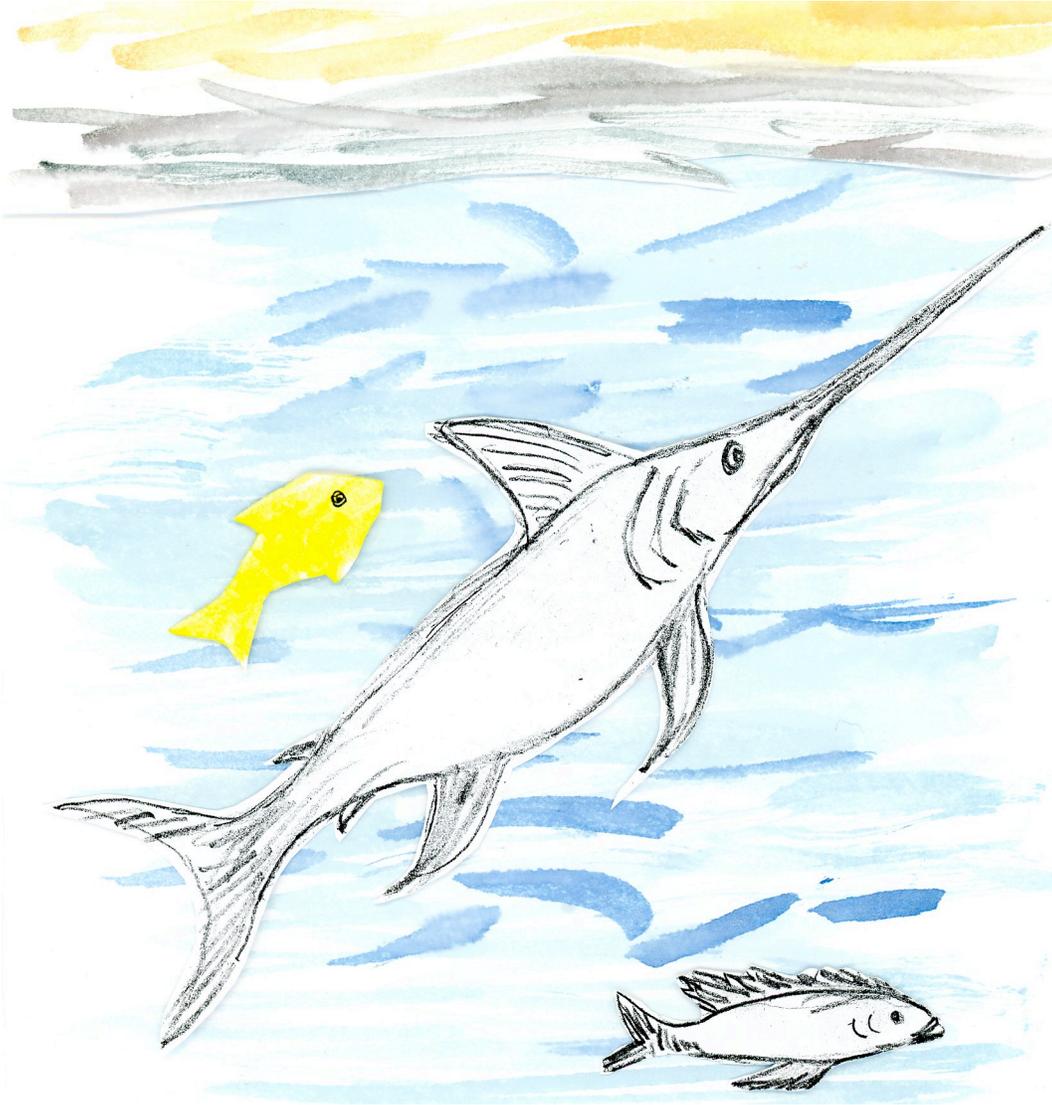
I turned and called, "Float with me anemone."



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A seahorse swimming uprightly.

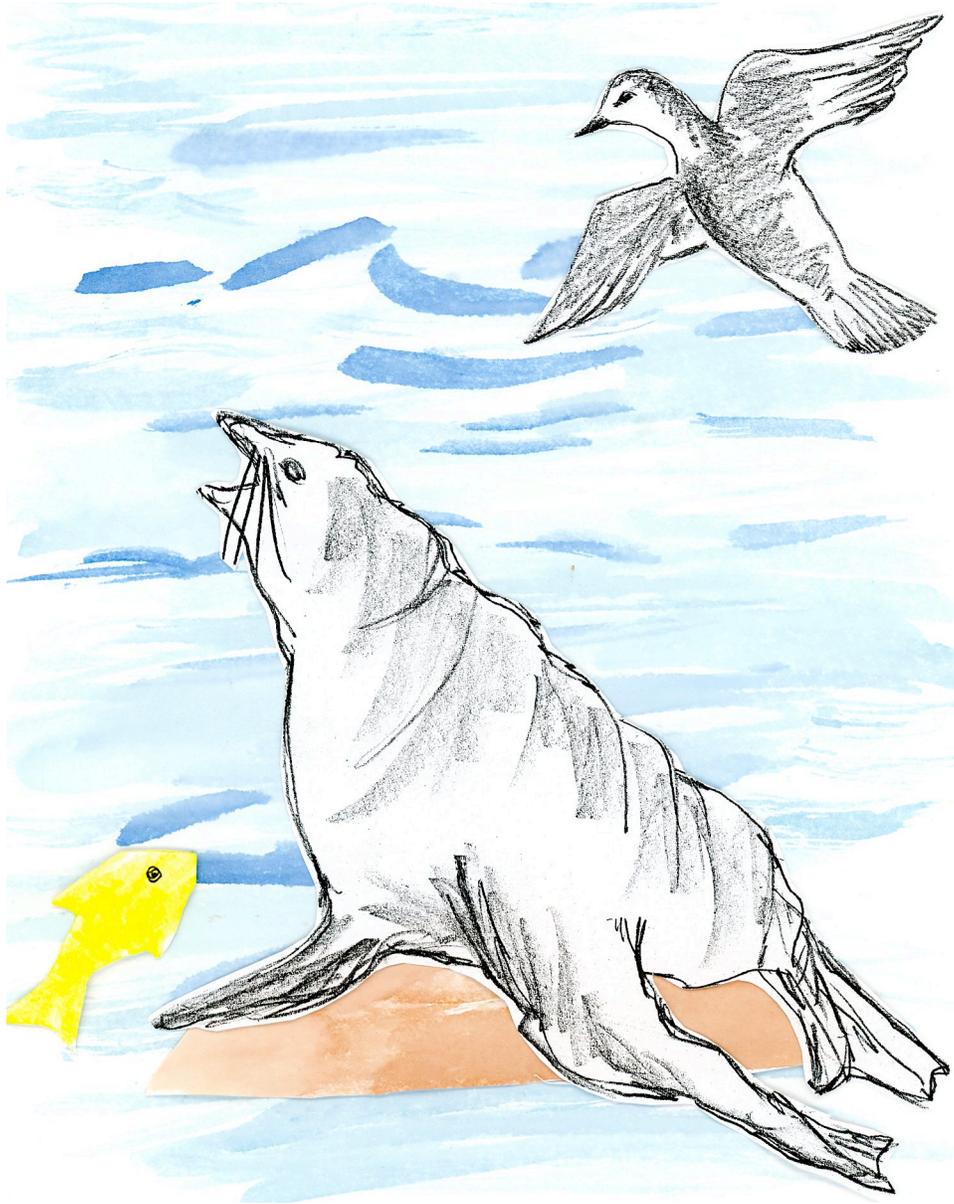
I turned and called, "Stay the course seahorse."



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A swordfish swimming beside me.

I turned and called, "Keep that pose long nose."

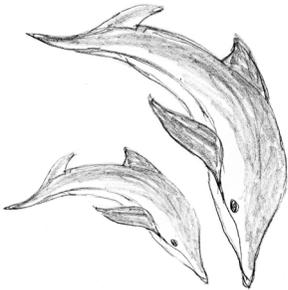
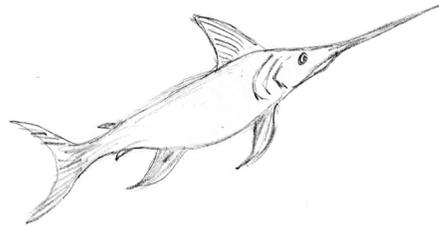
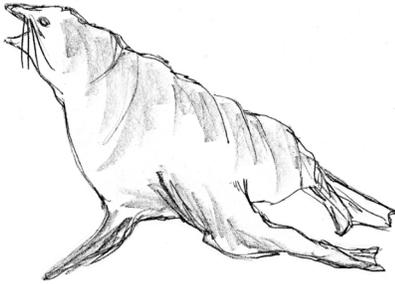


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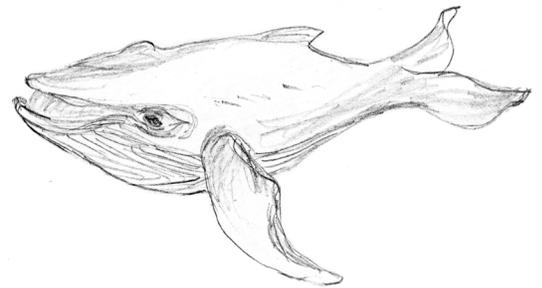
A fur seal sitting above me.

I turned and called, "Splash with zeal seal."

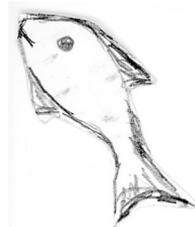
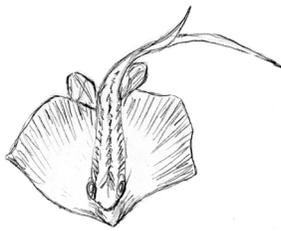
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I swam in the ocean and  
what did I see?  
All the sea creatures  
swimming with me.



I turned and called:  
"Paddle free greenie, it's  
not so far sea star, sway  
sting ray, sail blue whale,  
move your paws claws, tail  
spin dolphins, schuss  
octopus, float with me  
anemone, stay the course  
seahorse, keep that pose  
long nose, splash with zeal  
seal."



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Definitions

**octopus** - *n.* a cephalopod mollusk with eight sucker-bearing arms, a soft saclike body, strong beaklike jaws, and no internal shell.

**schuss** - *v.* make a straight downhill run.

**cephalopod** (**ceph·a·lo·pod; se-fə-lə- ,pād**) - *n.* any of a class (Cephalopoda) of marine mollusks including the squids, cuttlefishes, and octopuses that move by expelling water from a tubular siphon under the head and that have a group of muscular usually sucker-bearing arms around the front of the head, highly developed eyes, and usually a sac containing ink which is ejected for defense or concealment.

**sting ray** - *n.* a bottom-dwelling marine ray with a flattened diamond-shaped body and a long poisonous serrated spine at the base of a whip-like tail capable of inflicting severe wounds.

**sway** - *v.* move or cause to move slowly or rhythmically backward and forward or from side to side. synonyms: swing, shake, oscillate, undulate, move to and fro, move back and forth.

**sea turtle** - *n.* a slow-moving reptile, enclosed in a scaly or leathery domed shell into which it can retract its head and thick legs. The green sea turtle, also known as the green turtle, black turtle, or Pacific green turtle, is a large marine turtle of the family Cheloniidae (*Chelonia mydas*), having greenish flesh.

**dolphin** - *n.* a small gregarious toothed whale that typically has a beaklike snout and a curved fin on the back. Dolphins have become well known for their sociable nature and high intelligence.

**seal** - *n.* any of numerous carnivorous semi-aquatic marine mammals (families Phocidae and Otariidae) that live chiefly in cold regions and have limbs modified into webbed flippers adapted primarily to swimming; especially: a fur seal or hair

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seal as opposed to a sea lion.

**zeal** - *n.* great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective.

**sea horse** - *n.* a small marine fish with segmented bony armor, an upright posture, a curled prehensile tail, a tubular snout, and a head and neck suggestive of a horse.

**starfish (also called a sea star)** - *n.* a marine echinoderm with five or more radiating arms. The undersides of the arms bear tube feet for locomotion and, in predatory species, for opening the shells of mollusks.

**echinoderm (i-'kī-nə-, dər̩m)** - *n.* any of a phylum (Echinodermata) of radially symmetrical coelomate marine animals including the starfishes, sea urchins, and related forms

**sea anemone (uh-NEM-uh-nee)** - *n.* a sedentary marine coelenterate with a columnar body that bears a ring of stinging tentacles around the mouth. A few species are pelagic and are not attached to the bottom and don't always stay in one place. They can slide slowly along the ocean floor, float upside down in the water, or swim by moving their tentacles. They can also hitch a ride from time to time with other sea creatures. A sea anemone looks a lot like a flower but it is actually a marine animal. In fact, it's named after the beautifully-colored anemone flower.  
<http://wonderopolis.org/wonder/are-sea-anemones-plants-or-animals/>

**coelenterate (coe·len·ter·ate; si-'len-tə-, rāt, -rət)** - *n.* any of a phylum (Cnidaria syn. Coelenterata) of radially symmetrical invertebrate animals including the corals, sea anemones, jellyfishes, and hydroids —called also cnidarian.

**lobster** - *n.* a large marine crustacean with a cylindrical body, stalked eyes, and the first of its five pairs of limbs modified as pincers.

**crustacean (krəs-'tā-shən)** - *n.* a type of animal (such as a crab or lobster) that has several pairs of legs and a body made up of sections that are covered in a hard outer shell.

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**swordfish** - *n.* a large marine fish with a streamlined body and a long flattened swordlike snout, related to the billfishes and popular as a game fish.

**blue whale** - *n.* a migratory, mottled bluish-gray mammal, belonging to the baleen whales, found in all oceans of the world. Known to grow as long as 110 feet (33 m) and weigh as much as 150 tons (136,000 kg), it is the largest and heaviest animal ever to inhabit the earth.

<u>Animal</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Description</u> (actions)	<u>Response</u>
sea turtle ("greenie")	reptile	paddling steadily	paddle free greenie
sea star	echinoderm	cruising noiselessly	it's not so far sea star
sting ray	fish	flapping alongside me	sway sting ray
blue whale	mammal	swimming next to me	come sail blue whale
lobster ("claws")	crustacean	walking below me	move your paws claws
dolphins	mammal	spinning beneath me	tail spin dolphins
octopus	cephalopod	swimming silently	schuss octopus
sea anemone	coelenterate	swaying free	float with me anemone
seahorse	fish	swimming uprightly	stay the course seahorse
swordfish ("long nose")	fish	swimming beside me	keep that pose long nose
fur seal	mammal	sitting above me	splash with zeal seal

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: circle the answer and list the animals.

1. How many mammals are in the story?                    1            2            3

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2. How many reptiles are in the story?                    1            2            3

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3. How many fish are in the story?                    1            2            3

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4. How many crustaceans are in the story?                    1            2            3

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5. How many cephalopods are in the story?                    1            2            3

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6. How many echinoderms are in the story?                    1            2            3

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7. How many coelenterates are in the story?                    1            2            3

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Write the classification for each animal: ex: sea turtle - reptile.

sea turtle \_\_\_\_\_

sea star \_\_\_\_\_

sting ray \_\_\_\_\_

blue whale \_\_\_\_\_

lobster \_\_\_\_\_

dolphins \_\_\_\_\_

octopus \_\_\_\_\_

sea anemone \_\_\_\_\_

sea horse \_\_\_\_\_

swordfish \_\_\_\_\_

fur seal \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers to p.16:

1. How many mammals are in the story? (3 - dolphin, seal, blue whale)
2. How many reptiles are in the story? (1 - sea turtle)
3. How many fish are in the story? (3 - sting ray, seahorse, swordfish)
4. How many crustaceans are in the story? (1 - lobster)
5. How many cephalopods are in the story? (1 - octopus)
6. How many echinoderms are in the story? (1 - sea star)
7. How many coelenterates are in the story? (1 - sea anemone)

Answers to p.17.

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