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Skill: Reading Comprehension

Read the story and answer the questions.

Aquatic Movement

Aquatic animals are animals that live in water. There are many, many types of animals that live in the water. There are also many different ways that animals can move themselves through the water. Most fish swim by moving their tails back and forth in a waving motion. Dolphins, porpoises and whales also use their tails to swim. These animals move their tails up and down instead of side to side as most fish do. They also use their fins to balance themselves. A turtle uses its feet to move through the water. A turtle's feet are webbed, so they can use their feet as flippers, paddling themselves along.

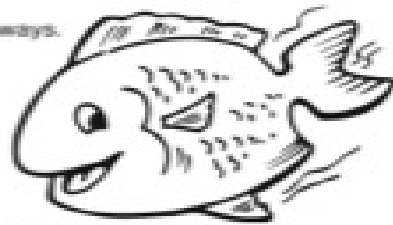
Some animals do not use tails or flippers to swim. Squid and jellyfish use thrust to move through the water. A squid pulls water into its body, then squirts it out. When the water squirts out, the squid moves in the opposite direction of the squirting water. Jellyfish move in a similar way. These animals push water out from underneath their bodies and move in the opposite direction of the water that has been pushed out.

1. What is the main idea of this story? (Circle the answer)

- A. Aquatic animals can move through the water in many ways.
- B. Aquatic animals are animals that live in water.
- C. Turtles move with flippers and squid use thrust.

2. Where does an aquatic animal live? (Circle the answer)

- A. in Africa
- B. in thick, tropical forests
- C. in the water



3. What is the difference between the way most fish and dolphins use their tails?

4. What does a turtle use to move? What is special about this body part?

5. Explain how an aquatic animal can move by thrust.
