



The Sea

What's the difference between the following words?

ocean

sea

lake

pond

river

stream

waterfall

canal

port

bay

harbour

beach

ocean

An ocean is the biggest body of saltwater.

sea

A sea is slightly smaller than an ocean and typically enclosed by land. A sea is part of an ocean.

lake

Lakes are smaller than seas and are completely landlocked.

pond

Ponds are even smaller than lakes and tend to be freshwater and manmade.

river

A river is a natural flow of water that connects to a larger body of water (sea or lake).

stream

A stream is a type of river. It's also a natural flow of water but very narrow and is generally not found in valleys.

waterfall

A waterfall can be found in a river or stream when there is a large vertical drop.

canal

Canals are artificial waterways
specifically made for passage of boats
through land.

port

Ports are facilities where seas meet land. Ships can be moored here with goods taken on and off them.

bay

Bays are found where the land curves inwards so creates a body of water.

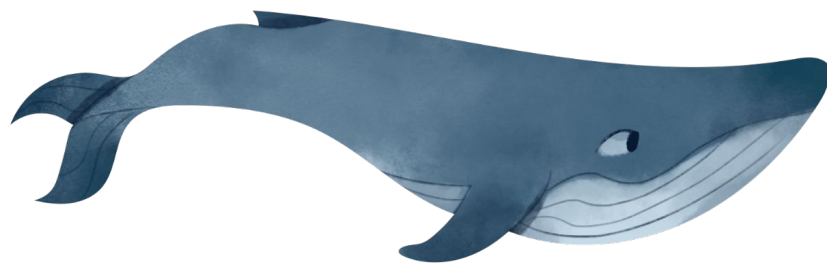
harbour

A harbour is a location on the coast where boats are moored. It is slightly inland and protected from the rough seas with walls, piers or jetties.

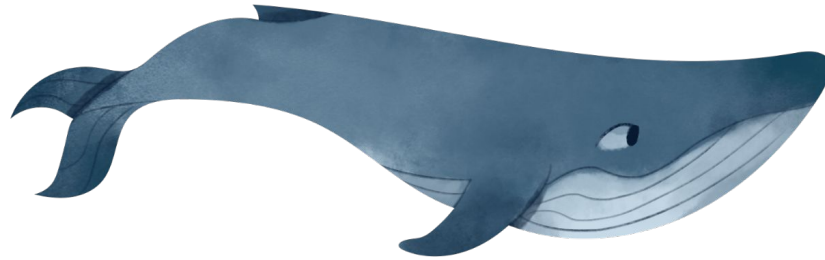
beach

Also called the coast or shore, the beach is a flat or small sloping part of land that meets low-level water. It typically has pebbles or sand.



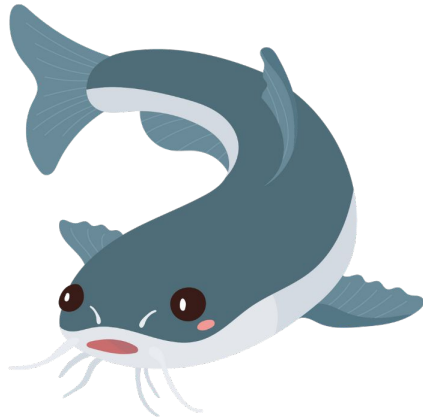


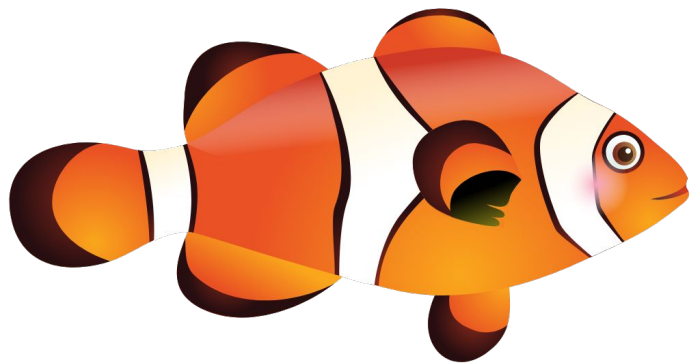
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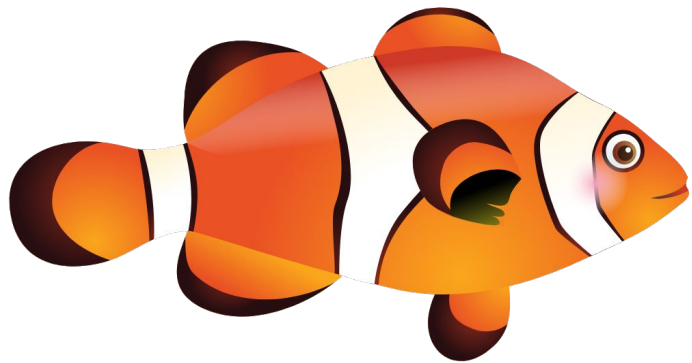


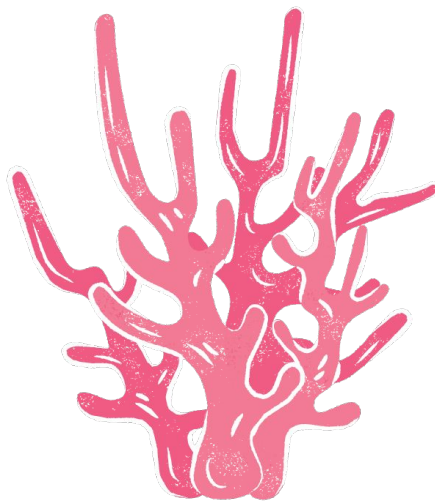
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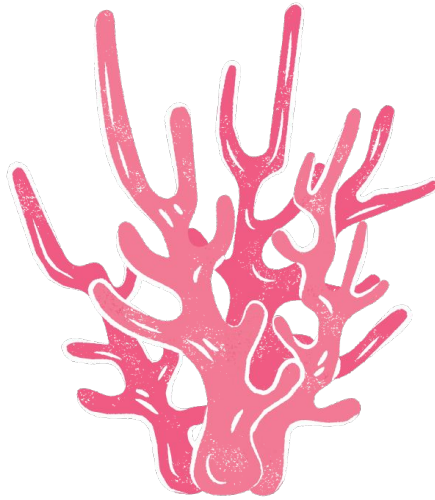


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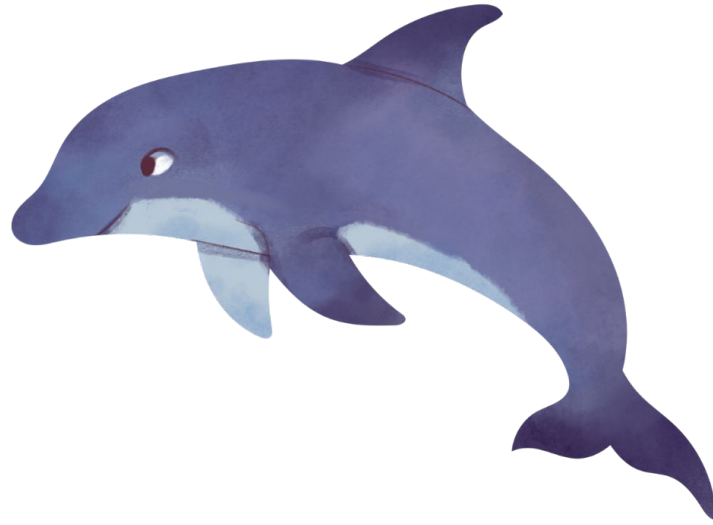
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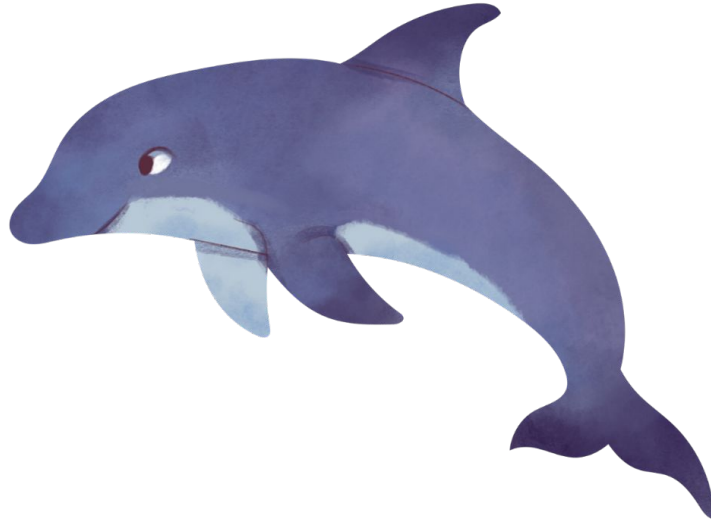


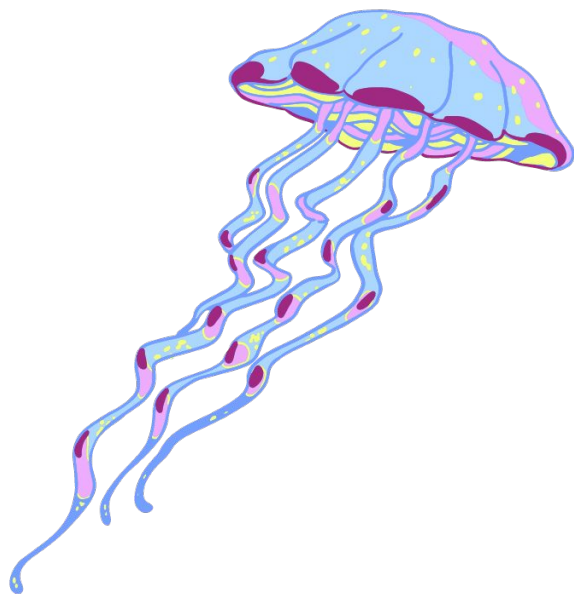
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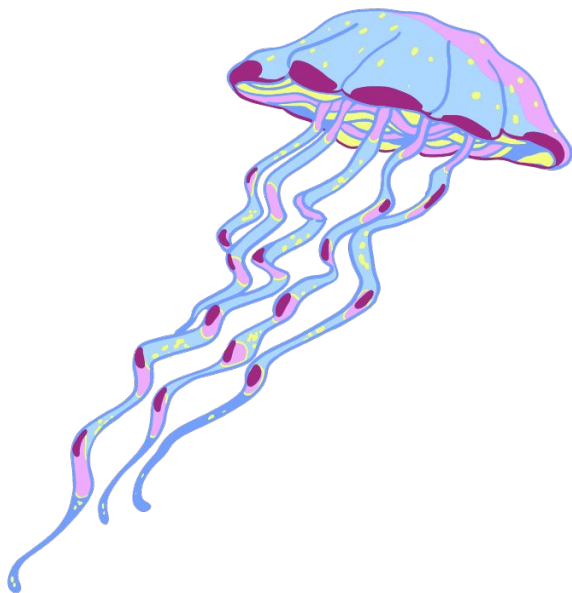


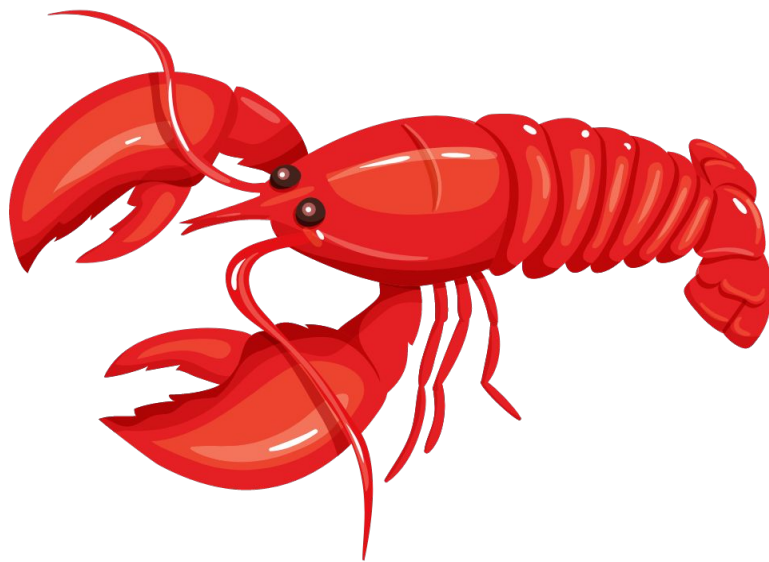
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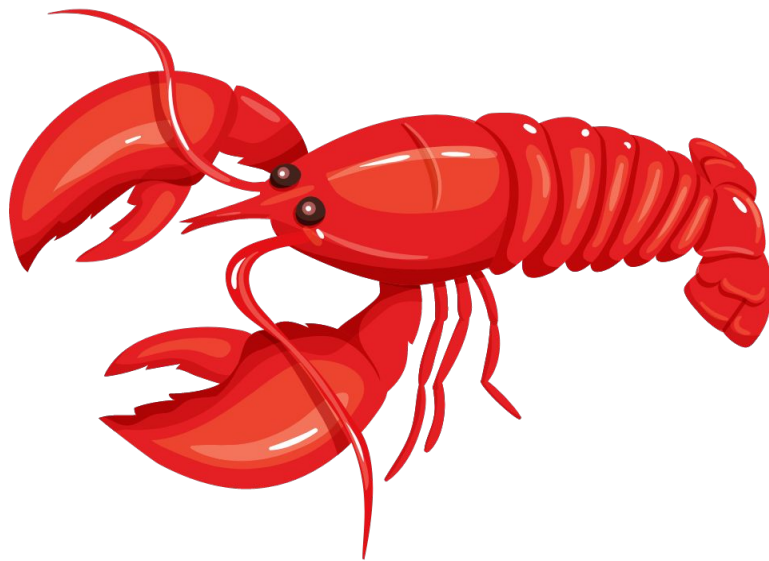


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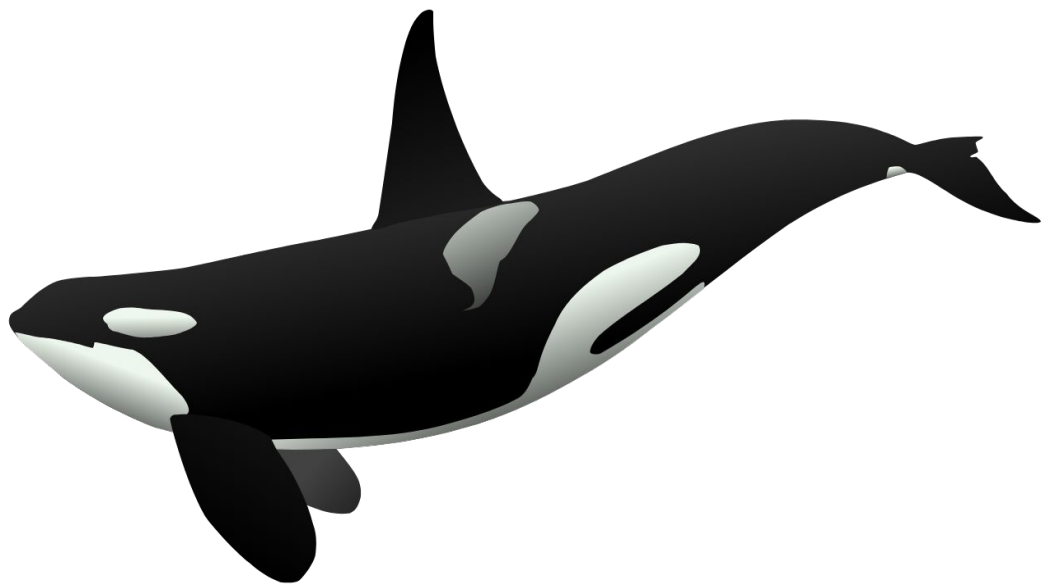
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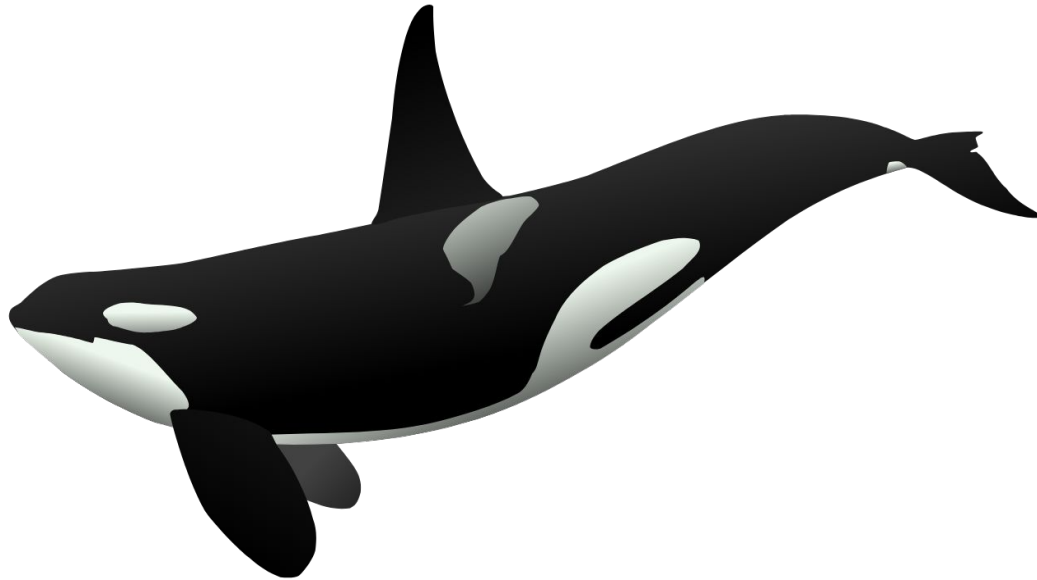


octopus





orca





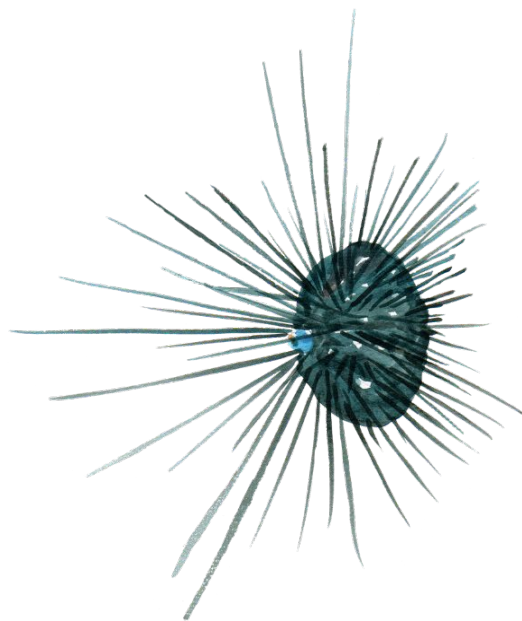
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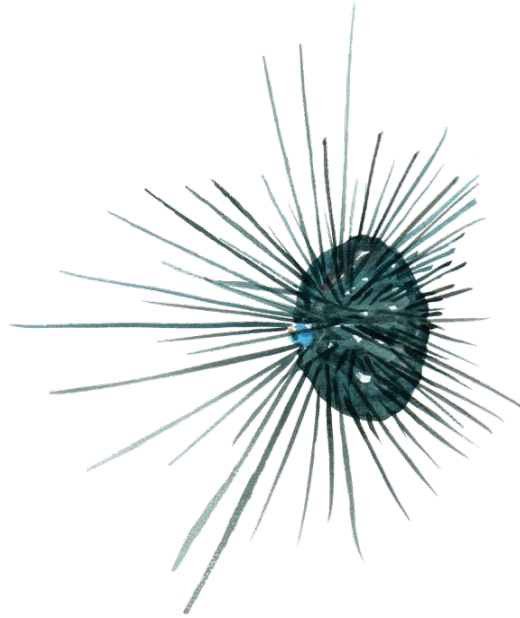


seahorse





sea urchin





seaweed





shark





shrimp





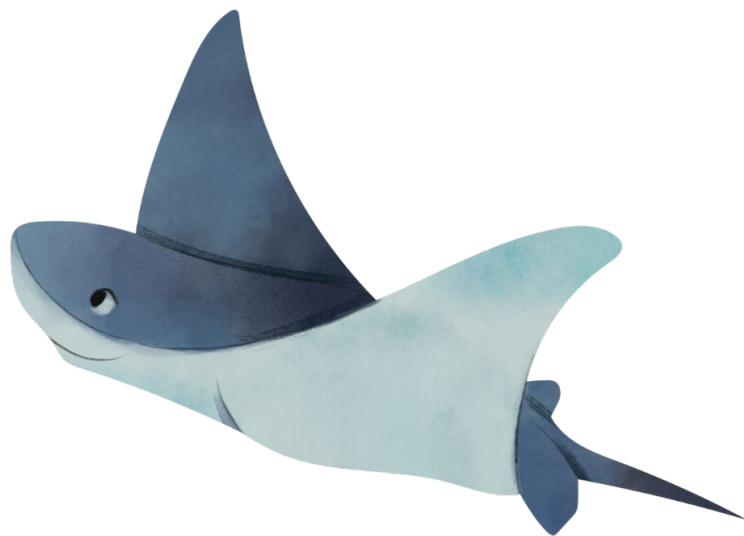
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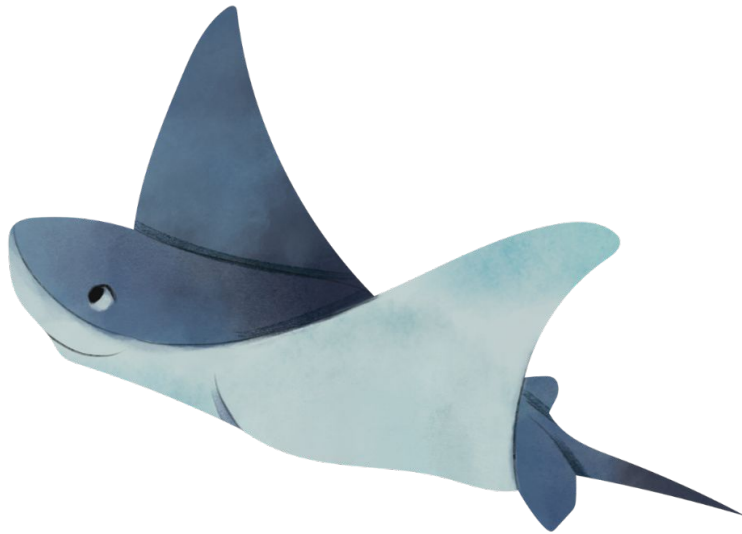


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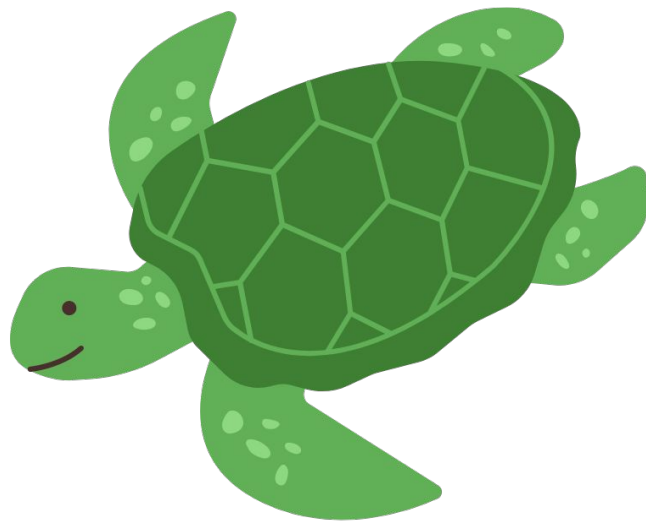
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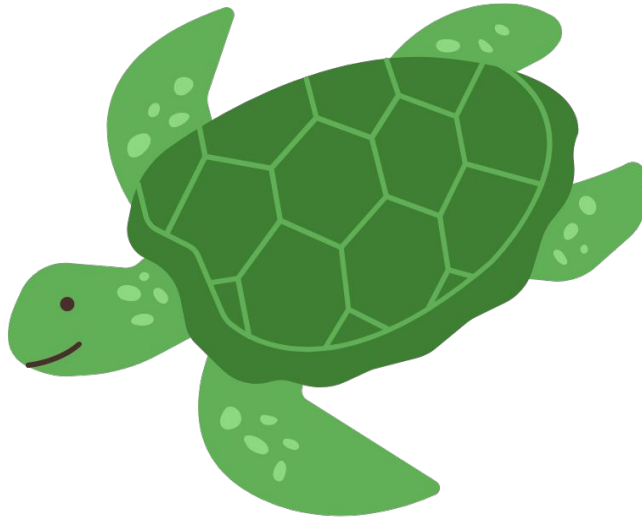


tuna





turtle





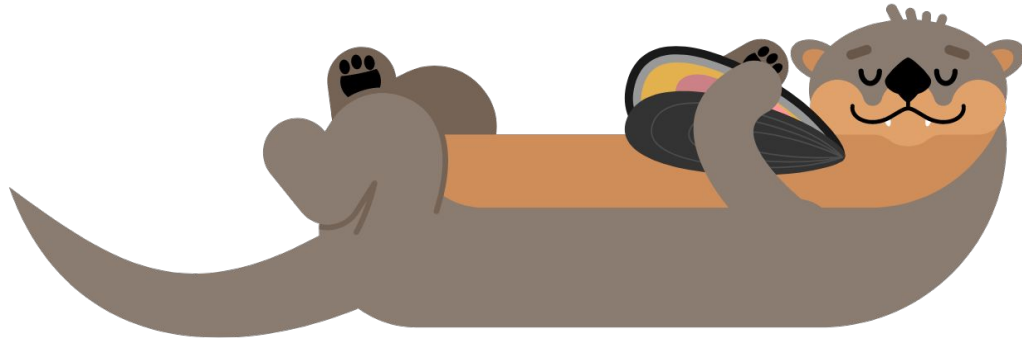
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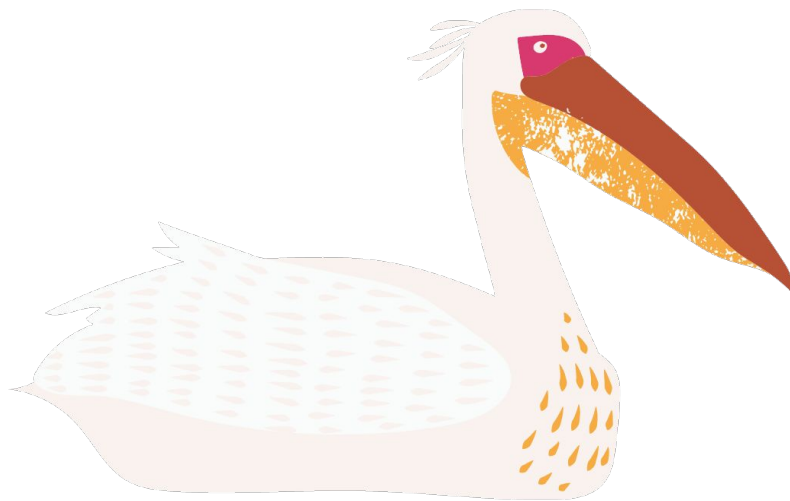




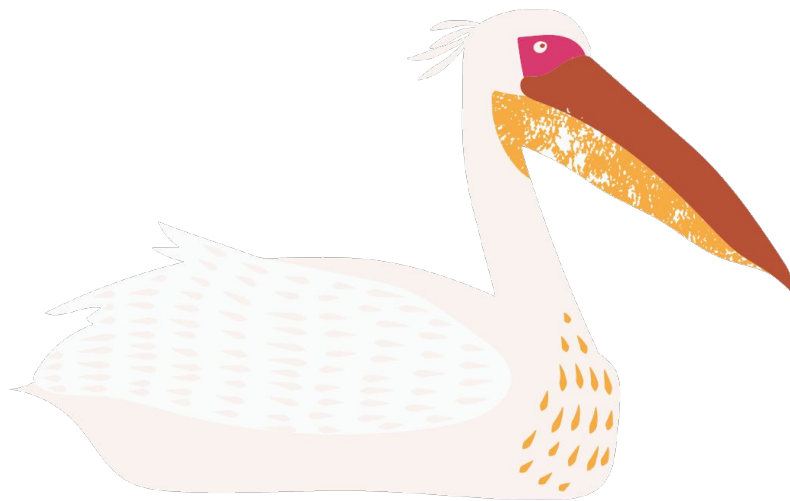


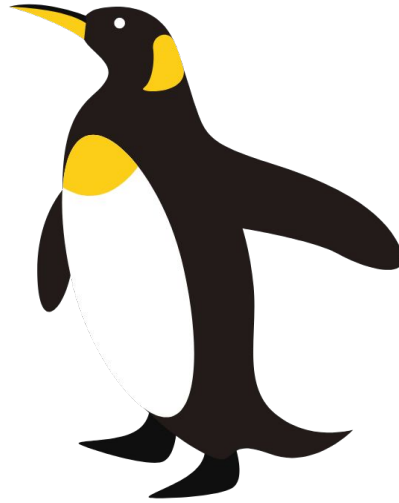
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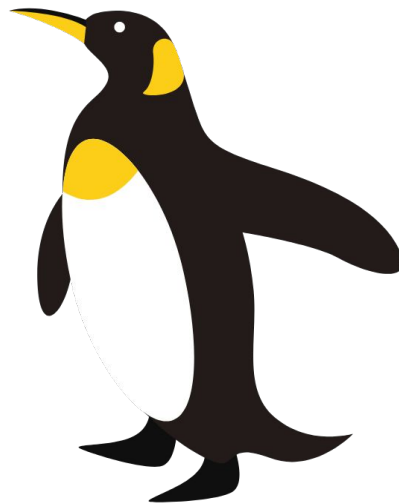


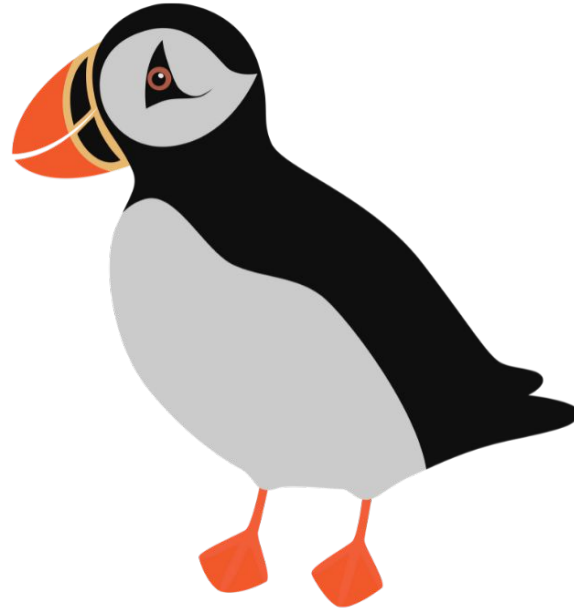
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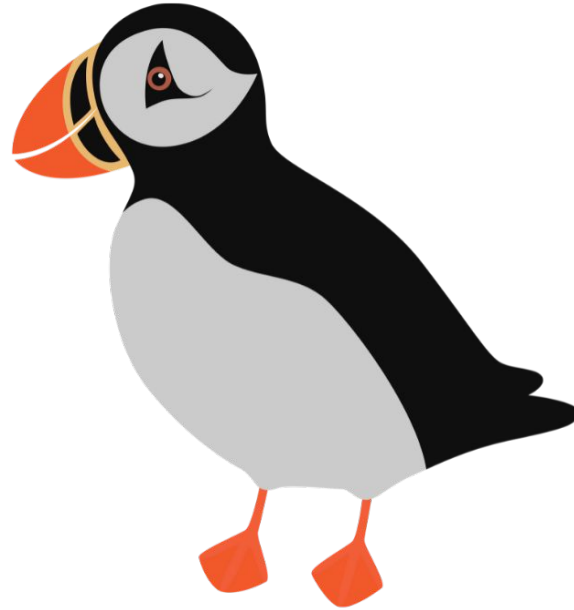


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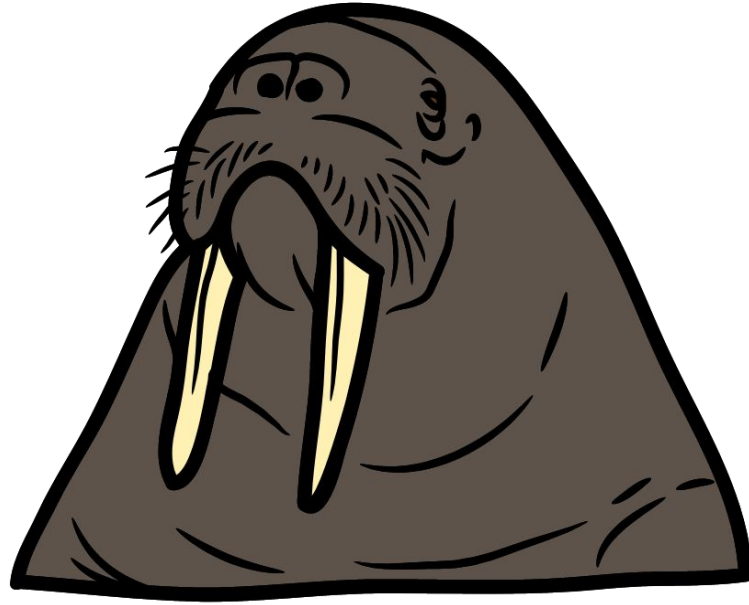
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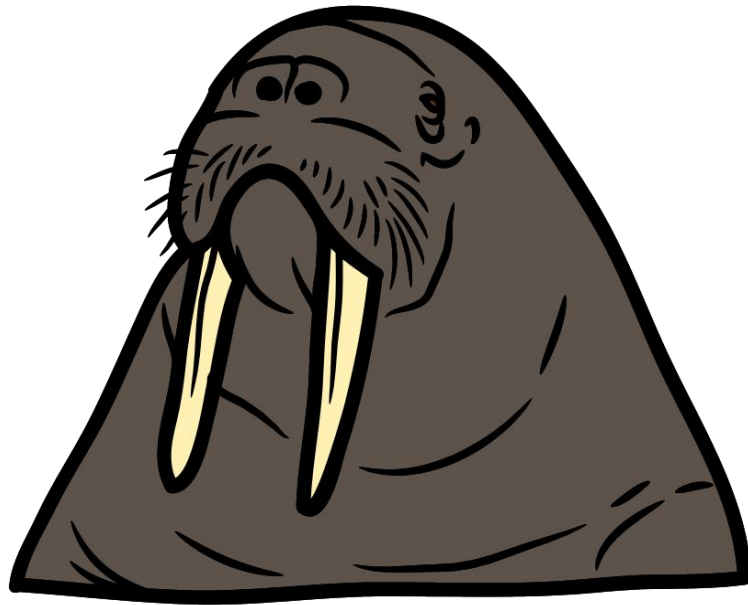


seal





walrus

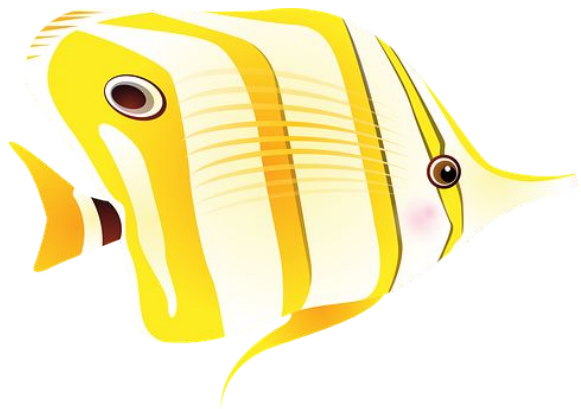


What is an idiom?

An **idiom** is a phrase in a language that is figurative. Words take on a different meaning when used as part of a specific phrase.

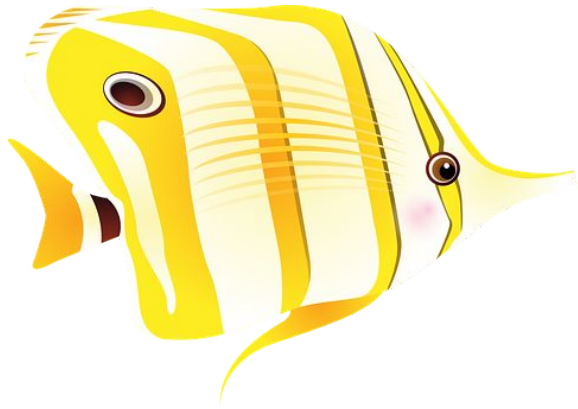
Native speakers use idioms in everyday conversations.

To be fishy



This contract is a bit fishy

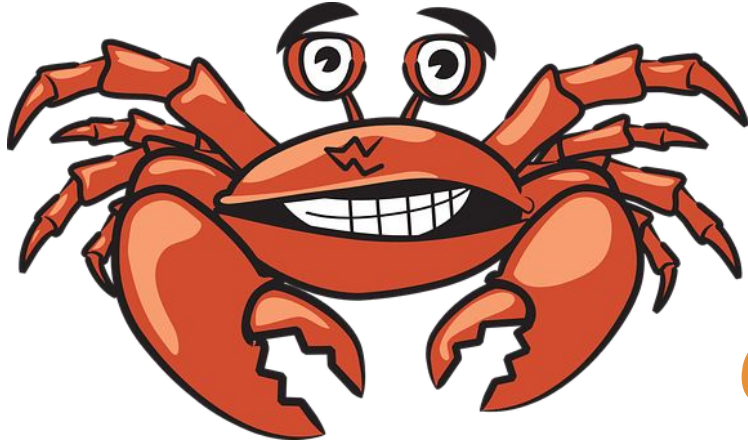
To be fishy



To feel suspicious due to
the feeling of dishonesty

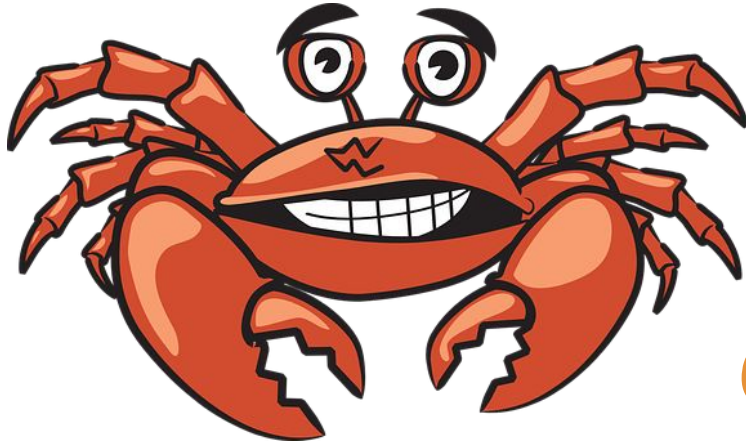
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To be crabby



*Our neighbour is a bit
crabby*

To be crabby



Irritable and angry

*Our neighbour is a bit
crabby*

To be a fish out of water



*I've never studied law before,
I'm a fish out of water in these
classes*

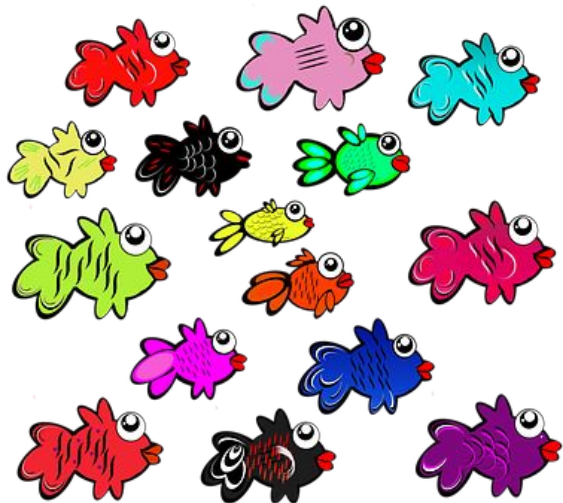
To be a fish out of water



To be in a different
environment to what you
are comfortable with

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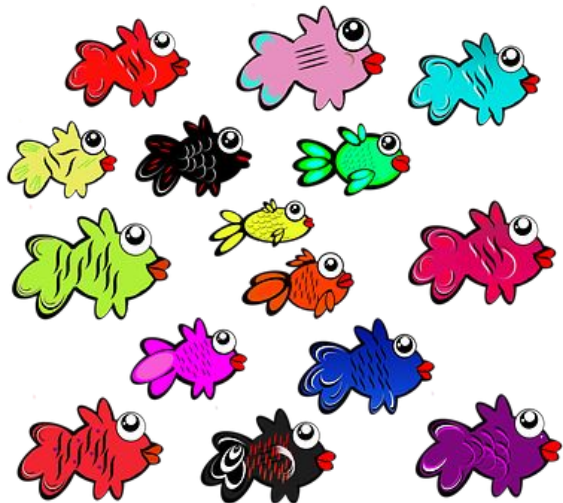
A different kettle of fish



*Let's talk about that later,
that's a different kettle of
fish*

A different kettle of fish

Totally different



*Let's talk about that later,
that's a different kettle of
fish*

To have better fish to fry



*I'm not waiting around, I
have better fish to fry*

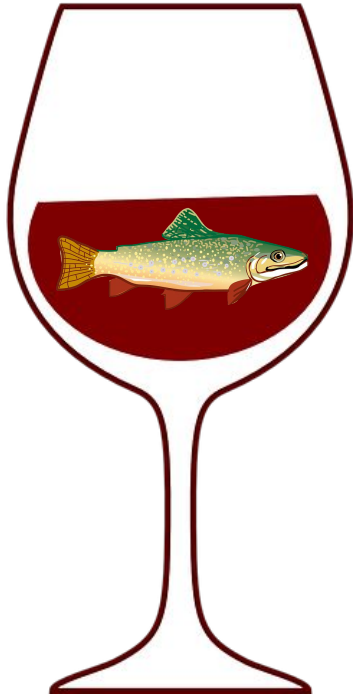
To have better fish to fry

To have something more
important/interesting to do



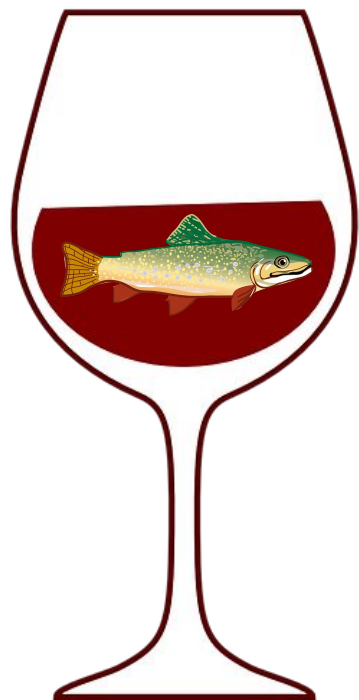
*I'm not waiting around, I
have better fish to fry*

To drink like a fish



*She drinks like a fish at
Christmas!*

To drink like a fish



To drink a lot of alcohol

*She drinks like a fish at
Christmas!*

To be a big fish in a small pond



*I was a big fish in a small
pond where I grew up*

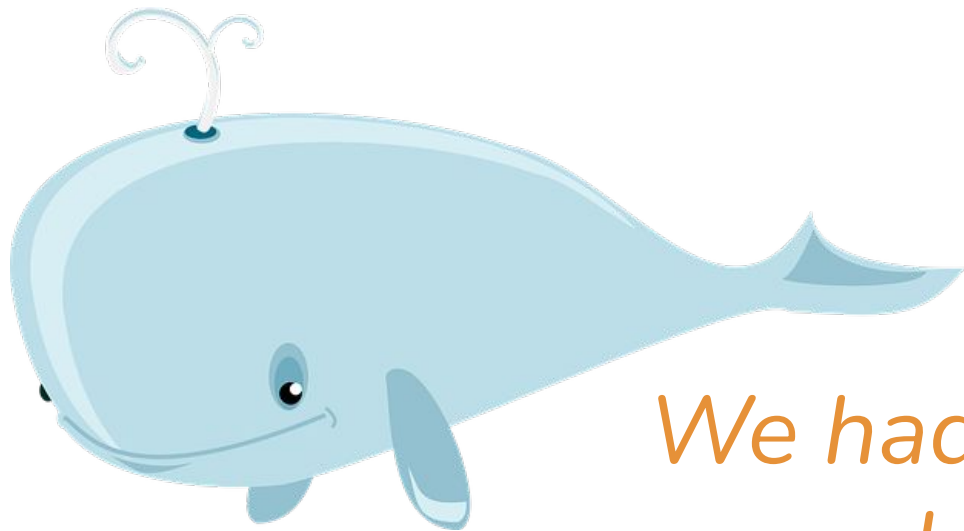
To be a big fish in a small pond



To be well-known to
everyone but in a small
group of people

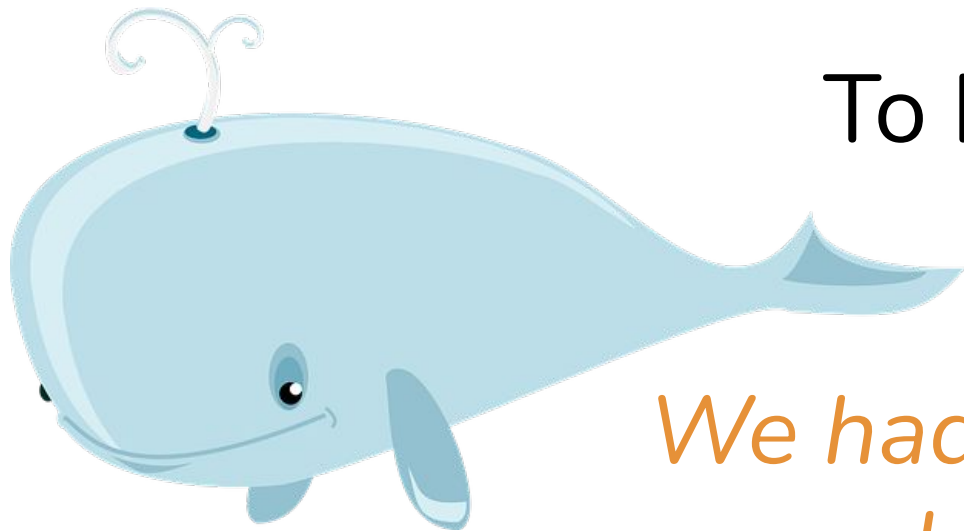
*I was a big fish in a small
pond where I grew up*

To have a whale of a time



*We had a whale of a time
last weekend*

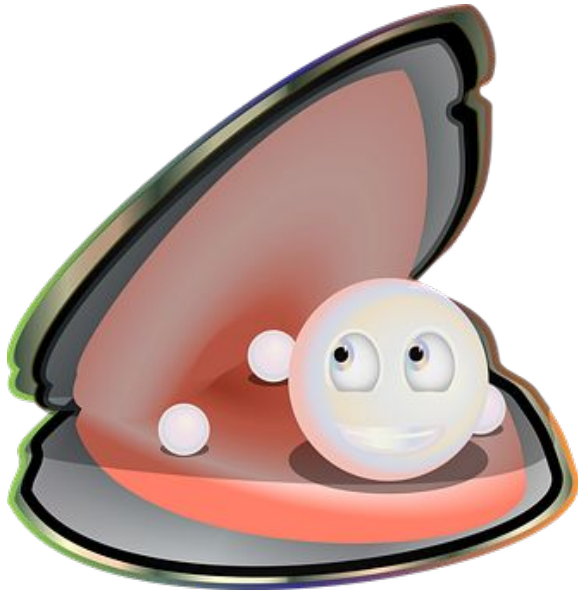
To have a whale of a time



To have lots of fun

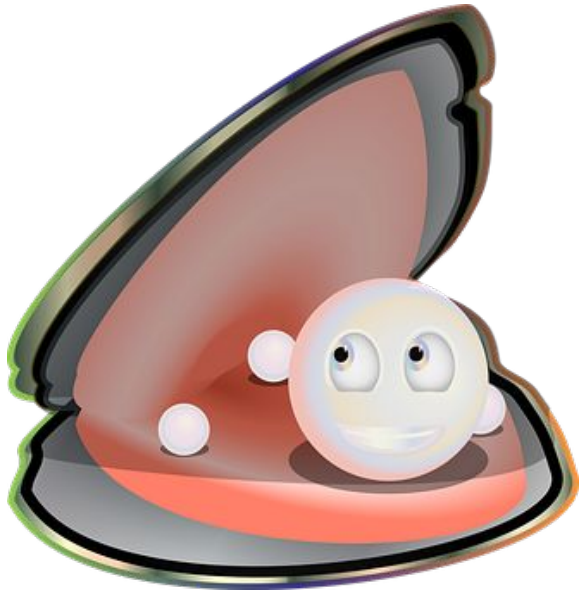
*We had a whale of a time
last weekend*

The world is your oyster



*You can choose anything
you want - the world is
your oyster*

The world is your oyster



Take advantage of
opportunities given to you

*You can choose anything
you want - the world is
your oyster*

The coast is clear



*They have left, the coast is
clear*

The coast is clear



You can do something
without being seen or
caught

*They have left, the coast is
clear*

To keep something at bay



*Please, keep your anger at
bay*

To keep something at bay

To control something



*Please, keep your anger at
bay*

It's a drop in the ocean



*Helping one person is just a
drop in the ocean*

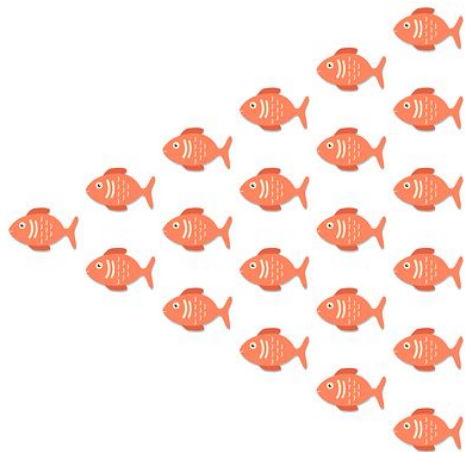
It's a drop in the ocean



It's so small and irrelevant
compared to other things

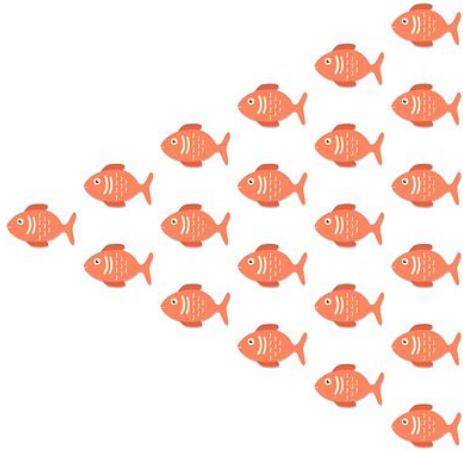
*Helping one person is just a
drop in the ocean*

There are plenty more fish in the sea



Forget about him - there are plenty more fish in the sea!

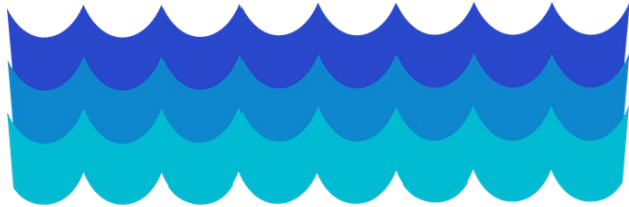
There are plenty more fish in the sea



There are more possibilities
available (typically
relationships)

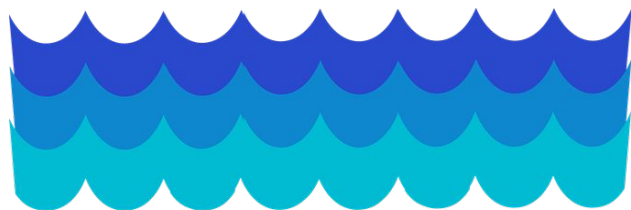
*Forget about him - there are
plenty more fish in the sea!*

To be in uncharted waters



*I'm not sure about this,
we're in uncharted waters
here*

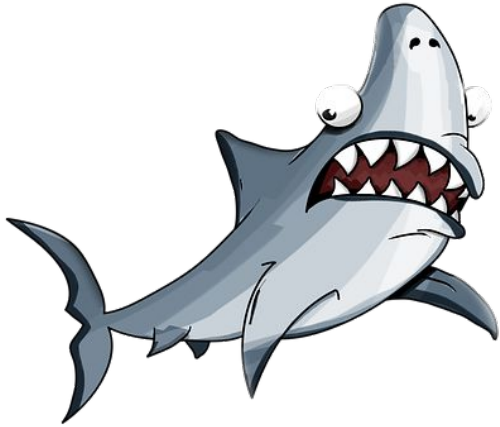
To be in uncharted waters



To be in an unfamiliar situation

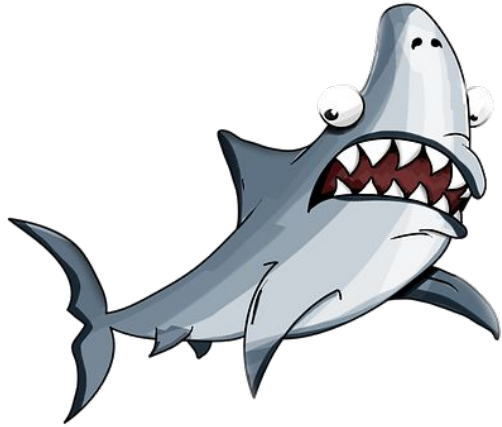
*I'm not sure about this,
we're in uncharted waters
here*

To swim with sharks



*Don't go into business with
him, you're swimming with
sharks*

To swim with sharks



To work with “dangerous”
people

*Don't go into business with
him, you're swimming with
sharks*



Practice 1

It's conversation time!

<https://virtually-fluent.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/16-The-Sea-Conversation.pdf>



Practice 2

It's debate time!

The sea will be destroyed in 100
years' time



Seafood is healthy



We don't know much about the
sea



We will discover more sea
animals in the future



We should spend money on sea
discovery instead of space



There are too many shark attacks
on humans



Fishing is an acceptable hobby



It is unsafe to swim in the sea



Seas are better off now than 100
years ago



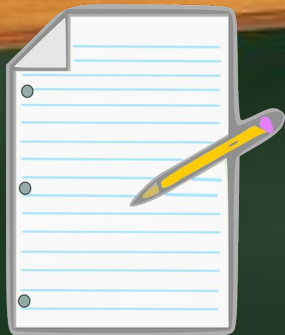
The sea is dangerous



REVIEW



The Sea



HOMEWORK

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