



The Florida Aquarium
Let's Go on a Scavenger Hunt!
(ELEMENTARY)

WETLANDS GALLERY

Be prepared for a wet and wild time! Keep one eye trained toward the sky – you may see free-flying birds!

1. From where do most Floridians get their drinking water?
2. What are some differences between an alligator and a crocodile?
3. Name three body parts of an otter that help it to be a powerful swimmer:
4. After otter pups are born in early spring, which parent feeds and cares for the pups?
5. Observe the turtles in the cypress swamp exhibit. The males have long claws on their front feet, which they fan in the female's face - always trying to impress! Can you spot this crazy courtship?



BAYS AND BEACHES

As you weave your way through, make sure not to miss a thing. We have some weird and wonderful creatures, and many are masters of camouflage. Sharp eyes are needed!

6. Tampa Bay is a large area where fresh water and salt water mix. Why is this strange mixture of water so important for animals?
7. LOBSTER, anyone? Ours look quite tasty...Hands off!
Lobsters, like most crustaceans, "shed" their skin. It is not transparent skin, like a snake, but rather a perfect replica of the living animal, colors and all. What is the proper name for the shedding of its shell (found at the "No Bone Zone")?
8. You can't miss the largest fish in the Bays and Beaches! It is from the grouper family. What is the common name of this enormous fish?
9. There are three species of stingray in our beach exhibit. All three can be found in great numbers along the shores here in the Gulf of Mexico. Can you spot the stinging barbs? They are located toward the BASE of the tail, not the tip. Find out what you should do if a stingray stings you (Hint: ask the staff member at the lobby touch pool).
10. As you leave Bays and Beaches make sure you give a gentle touch to the animals at the "No Bone Zone". How do they feel?





CORAL REEF/ DRAGONS DOWN UNDER

You are about to enter one of the most spectacular and diverse habitats on earth! Don't be overwhelmed; let your eyes and ears take you on a magnificent journey.



11. Keep on the lookout for some huge sharks! What kind of sharks are lurking in our reef?

12. Look carefully and patiently. Do you see the long, green creatures? What are they called?

13. How many gallons of water does our coral reef exhibit hold?

14. Journey "down under" to Australia. Here, you will glimpse rare and spectacular creatures. What is so special about the male sea dragon, seahorse, and pipefish?

15. Which is the sea dragon most closely related to?

1. Seahorse
2. Pipefish
3. Squirrel





OCEAN COMMOTION

Don't be fooled by beauty and grace. You are about to enter the realm of some of the most cunning predators on the planet!

16. Watch out for all of those sharp teeth! How many sharks do you see in Shark Bay?

17. Wow! Look at the large school of shiny fish, why do you think fish swim in schools?

18. Just past Shark Bay, you will find a small fish hiding among anemone tentacles. What kind of fish is this?