

Main Idea and Detail Sentence Cards Answer Key

Main idea: Ocean animals are unique because they have special features that help them live in the water.

Some fish, like clownfish, can hide in anemones to stay safe from predators.

Sea turtles have hard shells that protect them and help them swim fast.

Dolphins are smart and can communicate with each other using sounds.

Jellyfish have stinging tentacles that help them catch their food.

~~The ocean covers more than 70% of the Earth's surface.~~

Main idea: Plants that live in lake habitats have special ways to grow and thrive.

Some plants, like water lilies, float on the surface of the lake and get sunlight from above.

Algae grow in the lake water and provide food for tiny animals called zooplankton.

Reeds have long stems that help them stand tall and stay in place even when the water moves.

~~Bullfrogs are great swimmers and can be found in lake waters.~~

Main idea: In a river, many plants and animals depend on each other to live and grow.

Fish swim in the river and eat tiny insects that live on the surface of the water.

Birds, like eagles, dive into the river to catch fish for food.

Plants along the riverbank, like willows, provide shade and homes for small animals.

When animals, like beavers, build dams, they create pools that help other creatures live in the river.

~~Some rivers can be very wide and flow into the ocean.~~

~~River otters are very playful animals.~~

Main idea: Swamps need protection because they are important for our environment.

Swamps provide homes for many animals, like alligators and frogs, that depend on the wetland.

Swamps help clean the water by filtering out dirt and pollution.

During heavy rains, swamps can store water to prevent flooding.

Some swamps have tall trees with roots that stick out of the water.

~~Swamps can be very quiet, with only the sounds of birds and insects.~~

~~People sometimes go fishing in swamps to catch fish like catfish.~~