

Did you know?

- The Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean on Earth. It covers around 30% of the Earth's surface.
- Seawater is water from a sea or ocean. On average, every kilogram of seawater contains around 35 grams of dissolved salt.
- Australia's Great Barrier Reef is the largest living structure on Earth. Covering an area of 350,000 km², even astronauts in space can see it!
- More than 1500 species of marine fish, 360 types of hard corals, 200 types of birds and 20 types of reptiles inhabit the Great Barrier Reef, and even that's not a complete list.
- The slowest-moving sea creature is the dwarf seahorse. It moves at just 152 cm per hour – and you thought snails were slow!
- An individual fin whale excretes about 970 litres of urine per day. That's enough to fill up more than three bathtubs!
- Some submarines can remain submerged for months at a time. Normally, submarines carry a 90-day supply of food.
- USS *Nautilus*, the first nuclear-powered submarine, was launched in 1954. Nuclear power allowed submarines to operate at high speeds while staying underwater far longer than their diesel-electric versions.
- Bioluminescence is the production and emission of light by a living organism and is primarily a marine phenomenon. Hundreds of species of fish and invertebrates flash their colours in light shows that rival the streets of Las Vegas!
- Sperm whales are champion divers. Adults can dive to depths of 2000 metres. If it's hard to think how deep 2000 metres under the sea might be, try to imagine the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Now picture seven of them stacked on top of each other.

