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 **Marine Animal Report**

You are to write a report about the marine (salt water) animal that you have chosen to draw for the classroom ocean. Write in complete sentences, do not copy and paste ANY information. Skip a line between paragraphs, and answer the following questions IN THIS ORDER:

Paragraph 1:  State the common name and scientific name of your animal.  Be sure to capitalize the genus, and put the entire scientific name in *italics* or underline it to show it is a Latin word.

Paragraph 2:  Describe your animal in such **great depth** that I could picture it in my mind after reading your description.  Include things like **size, color, appendages (arms, legs, tail, fins, etc.), texture (rough, smooth, bumpy, scaly ,etc.),and anything else that would describe your animal in detail.**
Paragraph 3: Tell whether your animal is a vertebrate (has a backbone) or is an invertebrate (has no backbone). IF your animal is a vertebrate, tell what class of vertebrates it belongs to: fish, amphibian, reptile, bird, or mammal.  If it is an invertebrate, tell what class of invertebrates it belongs to: sponges, stinging/tentacled, worms, round-bodied echinoderms, soft-bodied mollusks, or exoskeleton arthropod.

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Paragraph 5: Is your animal plankton, nekton, or benthos? How does it move around? Does your animal have any special adaptation to move about: for example: siphons, fins, suction cups, etc.?

Paragraph 6:Who are your animal’s predators?  How does your animal protect itself?

Paragraph 7: What does your animal eat? Is it a carnivore (eats other animals) herbivore (eats plants) or omnivore (eats both plants and animals)? How does it eat?

Paragraph 8: How does your animal reproduce? Does it give birth or lay eggs?
Do the parents stick around to raise the babies? If so, which parent?

Paragraph 10: Do humans have a use for this animal? If so, what?

Paragraph 11: Name one interesting fact you have not yet told me about your animal.

Paragraph 4: Describe the type of habitat in which your animal lives. Does it live in warm or cold water? Along the continental shelf or deep ocean? Where on earth will you find this animal?

Paragraph 9: Is your animal an endangered or threatened species? If so, is anything
being done to protect it? Why is it endangered or threatened?
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