

Night Lights in the Ocean

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All fish can swim at night. But one kind really likes to swim in the dark. It's called the flashlight fish. And it has its own lights!

The flashlight fish has a spot under each eye. These spots give off light. The lights are like a car's lights. They turn on and off.

When the fish gets hungry, the lights come on. Smaller fish see them. They swim to the lights. Here comes dinner!

Sometimes bigger fish follow the flashlight fish. But it tricks them. It turns the lights off. The flashlight fish swims away. Its lights keep it safe!



COMPREHENSION

A Read each question. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 What does this story show?
 - a** How some fish get food and keep safe
 - b** That some fish know how to use a flashlight
- 2 What happens when the flashlight fish turns its lights on?
 - a** Smaller fish come to it.
 - b** Bigger fish swim away.
- 3 Why do big fish stop following the flashlight fish?
 - a** They want to eat some smaller fish.
 - b** They cannot see it when its lights are off.
- 4 What do both big fish and little fish do?
 - a** Turn their lights on
 - b** Swim toward a light
- 5 What would a big fish do if the flashlight fish left its lights on?
 - a** Eat the flashlight fish
 - b** Trick the flashlight fish

LEARN ABOUT WORDS

l + ight = light

- B** Look at each row of letters. Choose a letter or group of letters from each row that make a word with the *ight* sound at the end. Then write the word below.

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| 1. | t+l, l, i |
| 2. | ph, b+r, a |
| 3. | j, v, f |
| 4. | g+l, qu, r |

+ ight

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LEARN ABOUT WORDS (continued)

C Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.

- 6 A small fish can fit into _____ places.
- 7 This fish likes to swim at _____.
- 8 It tricks bigger fish so it doesn't have to _____ them.
- 9 The fish has two spots that shine like _____ sunshine.
- 10 Dark water is just _____ for flashlight fish.

THINK ABOUT IT

D Word pictures help you see things more clearly. They tell you more about a story. Choose the sentence that gives a better picture. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 **a** The fish's lights are bright.
b The fish's lights are like a bright flashlight.
- 2 **a** The fish has a bright spot under each eye.
b The fish has a mark under each eye.
- 3 **a** Its spots light up in the dark ocean.
b Its spots shine like a car's lights at night.
- 4 **a** Smaller fish move toward its lights.
b Smaller fish swim toward its lights.
- 5 **a** It tricks bigger fish by turning its lights off.
b It knows how to get away from bigger fish.