Dive! A Book of Deep Sea Creatures is a level N book. It is written by Melvin Berger. This nonfiction comprehension packet includes comprehension questions, finding facts, and listing characteristics. A key is available.
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   The bigger the eyes the better they can see.
2. Why does an octopus have 8 arms all the time?
   If an octopus loses an arm, a new one grows back in its place.
3. How does a squid move through the water?
   It fills parts of its body with water.
4. Give two facts about giant squids.
   Its body can grow longer than a big bus!
   It has the largest eyes of any animal on earth.
   Each eye is the size of a car’s hubcap!
   The squids tongue has teeth and it uses its tongue to chew.

Chapter 4

1. Who are squid afraid of?
   Sperm whales.
2. How does the whale catch a squid?
   It fills its lungs with air, holds its breath, and plunges down head first. After a mile or so it rests on the ocean floor and waits for the squid.
3. What damage can a squid do to a whale?
   A squid can scratch the whale’s stomach leaving scars inside.

Chapter 5

1. Why is life hard in the deep ocean?
   It can be a long time between meals.
2. What’s the biggest part of a gulper eel?
   It's mouth.
3. How can these small ocean fish manage to eat food that is so large? Give two reasons.
   They have large mouths and elastic stomachs.

Chapter 6

1. How does a tripod fish use its fins and tail?
   It uses its fins and tail to walk. They life the fish off the ocean floor.
2. How do male ratfish get a girlfriend?
   They make a loud drumming sound. If the female likes the beat, she swims over.
3. How does a sea cucumber protect itself?
It squirts out long, sticky tubes. The tubes tangle up the enemy.

4. Which animals stay in one place and wait for food to pass by?
Sea Pens and Sea Squirts

Chapter 7
1. If you see puffs or black smoke on the ocean floor—don’t worry—it’s just black smokers.
2. How do tubeworms eat?
Bacteria in their body make food for them.

3. Name the three most common characteristics that deep sea creatures have.
Huge eyes and wagging arms.
Big mouths and elastic stomachs.
Flashing lights.