My Jellyfish Fact File

Read the jellyfish fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a jellyfish

Jellyfish facts

Size: _____

Body: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. invertebrate ____	A. an animal without a backbone
2. cnidarian ____	B. a group of stinging sea animals that includes jellyfish, corals and sea anemones
3. nematocyst ____	C. the bell-shaped, swimming adult stage of a jellyfish
4. medusa ____	D. a stinging cell that fires a tiny harpoon
5. polyp ____	E. the young, attached stage of a jellyfish that looks like a tiny sea anemone

The most amazing thing I learned about jellyfish

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Answer Key

Jellyfish Fact File

Jellyfish facts

Scientific name:	Moon jelly: Aurelia aurita
Size:	Moon jelly: about 4–14 in wide
Body:	About 95% water
Lifespan:	Moon jelly: about 1 year (up to 2)
Diet:	Plankton and other small animals
Habitat:	Open sea and coastal waters
Where:	Oceans around the world
Status:	Varies; most not assessed by IUCN

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–A, 2–B, 3–D, 4–C, 5–E

Wow facts to share

- Jellyfish have no brain, no heart, no blood and no bones.
- Jellies have drifted in the oceans for at least 500 million years.
- One tiny jellyfish can turn from an adult back into a young polyp.