My Octopus Fact File

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw an octopus

Octopus facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. invertebrate ____	A. a tube an octopus uses to squirt water and move fast
2. cephalopod ____	B. a tiny baby octopus that drifts in the ocean
3. chromatophore ____	C. a skin cell filled with color that helps an octopus change color
4. paralarva ____	D. an animal without a backbone
5. siphon ____	E. a group of sea animals with arms around the head, like octopuses and squid

The most amazing thing I learned about octopuses

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Answer Key

Octopus Fact File

Octopus facts

Scientific name:	Common octopus: Octopus vulgaris
Size:	About 1 in to 16 ft wide, by species
Weight:	Under 1 oz to over 50 lb
Lifespan:	About 1–5 years, by species
Diet:	Crabs, clams, lobsters, fish
Habitat:	Seafloor, reefs and rocky dens
Where:	Oceans around the world
Status:	Varies; common octopus Least Concern

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

Word match

1–D, 2–E, 3–C, 4–B, 5–A

Wow facts to share

- An octopus has three hearts and blood that looks blue.
- About two-thirds of an octopus's nerve cells are in its arms.
- A giant Pacific octopus has more than 2,000 suckers.