Jellyfish Coloring and Activity Book

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The Jellyfish...

Jellyfish appeared in our waters about 650 million years ago, even before dinosaurs. Their bodies are 95% water; they have no heart or blood, no bones, and no brain! In fact, it's surprising that they are living things. They come in all different sizes and shapes. Some jellies drift with the tides in the water, while others swim together in swarms called "smacks." They can be found anywhere; in coastal waters, the open ocean, and even freshwater ponds and streams.
Jellyfish have two major body forms during their lives

Free swimming Medusa

Attached Polyp
They produce a larva called the planula...
The planula drifts in the water, finds a hard bottom or shell to settle on, and turns into a polyp.
The polyp divides off buds to form a very young jellyfish called an ephyra.
The ephyra grows into a small medusa.
Common Jellyfish of The Northern Gulf of Mexico
Lion's Mane
Portuguese Man-of-War
Sea Nettle
Gulf of Mexico
Box Jelly
The Deadliest Jellyfish
Box Jelly

This box jelly is found in shallow waters in Northern Australia. It is the deadliest jellyfish. The sting is very painful. It can cause nausea, vomiting, breathing problems, and sometimes death (only if you get really tangled up).
Did you know that Aussie lifeguards (Australians) wear pantyhose on the beaches? The pantyhose help keep them from being stung and can save their lives.
Australian Jellyfish Invader

Jellyfish can hitchhike across the ocean in the polyp form by attaching to the bottom of ships...
Australian Invader

The spotted jellyfish invaded the Northern Gulf of Mexico in the summer of 2000.
Jellyfish Anatomy

- Bell
- Mouth
- Tentacles
Jellyfish
(Color the jellyfish)
"Make a Jelly"

What you need:

Markers
Tape
Glue
Yarn (7-12 cut strings)
Paper plate (1/2 half)

What to do:

1) Cut a paper plate in half.
2) Draw and color a smile and eyes on the paper plate (make sure rounded area is facing up when drawing face).
3) Take 7-12 yarn strings or cut up construction paper in different lengths and widths.
4) Glue the yarn to the underside of the paper plate. Or tape the yarn.
5) You can then decorate the top of the rims with glue and glitter.
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3. The adult jellyfish body form.
4. Jellyfish sting you with their?
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5. This grows in to a small medusa.
6. Jellyfish swim in swarms called?
7. This is the deadliest jellyfish.
Jelly Word Search

BELL
JELLYFISH
MOONJELLY
SEANETTLE

BOXJELLY
LIONSMANE
PLANULA
SMACKS

EPHYRA
MEDUSA
POLYP
TENTACLES
Tentacle Maze
Jellyfish Cross Word Puzzle

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Jelly Jumble!

moon lilye
snol neam
eectaics
kcsmsa
llye shf
eharyp
esa tteine
ebi
dumesa

moon lilye
lions mane
tentacles
smacks
lilly fish
ephyra
sea nettle
bell
medusa