

## Bottlenose Dolphin

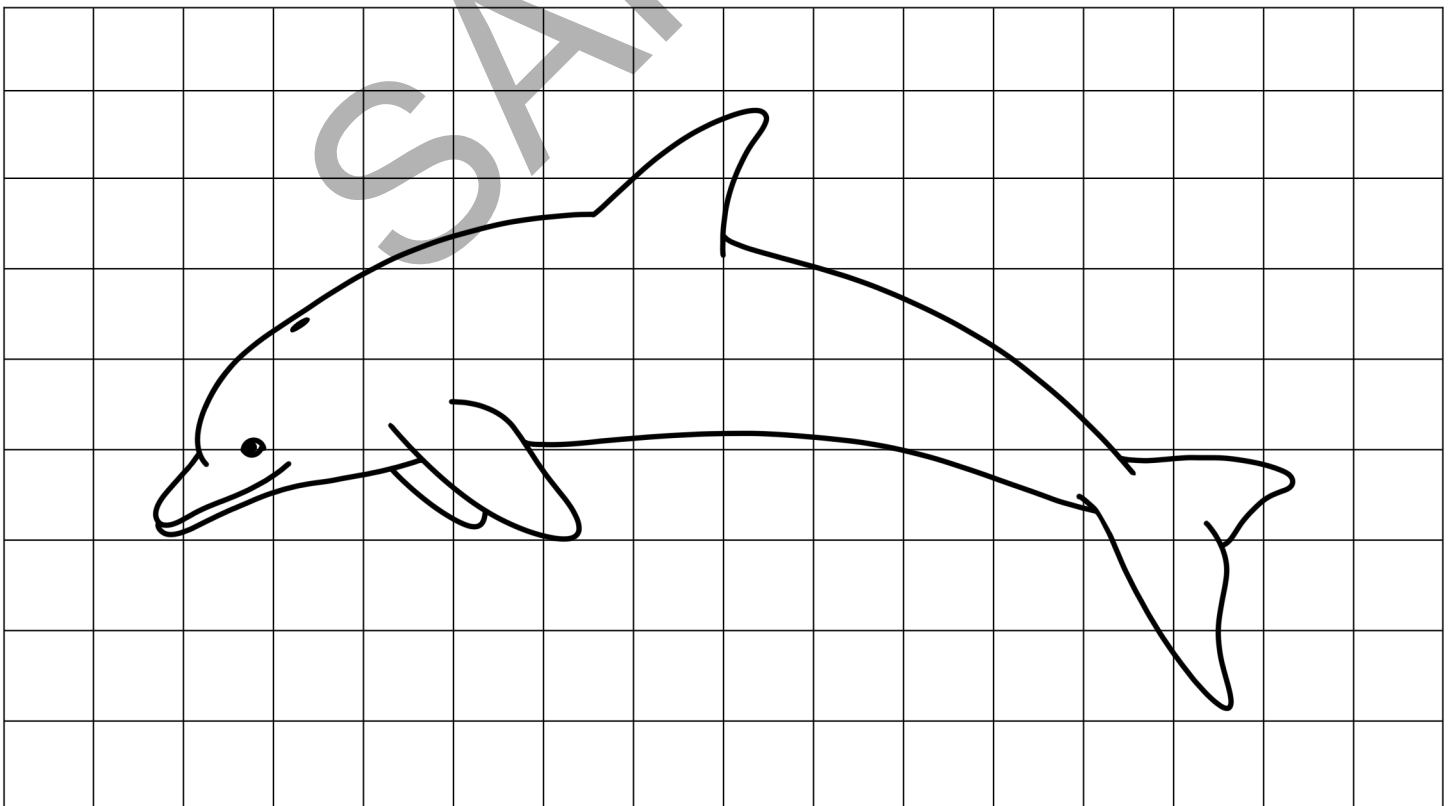
The first things most people notice about the bottlenose dolphin is its snout and its “smile.” Its snout is shaped like a bottle, and the way its mouth is formed makes it look like it has a permanent smile. The most common type of bottlenose dolphin lives in warm and temperate water all over the world. It grows to an average length of 8–10 feet (2.5–3 m) and weighs about 300–650 pounds (135–300 kg). It is very intelligent and has a great memory.

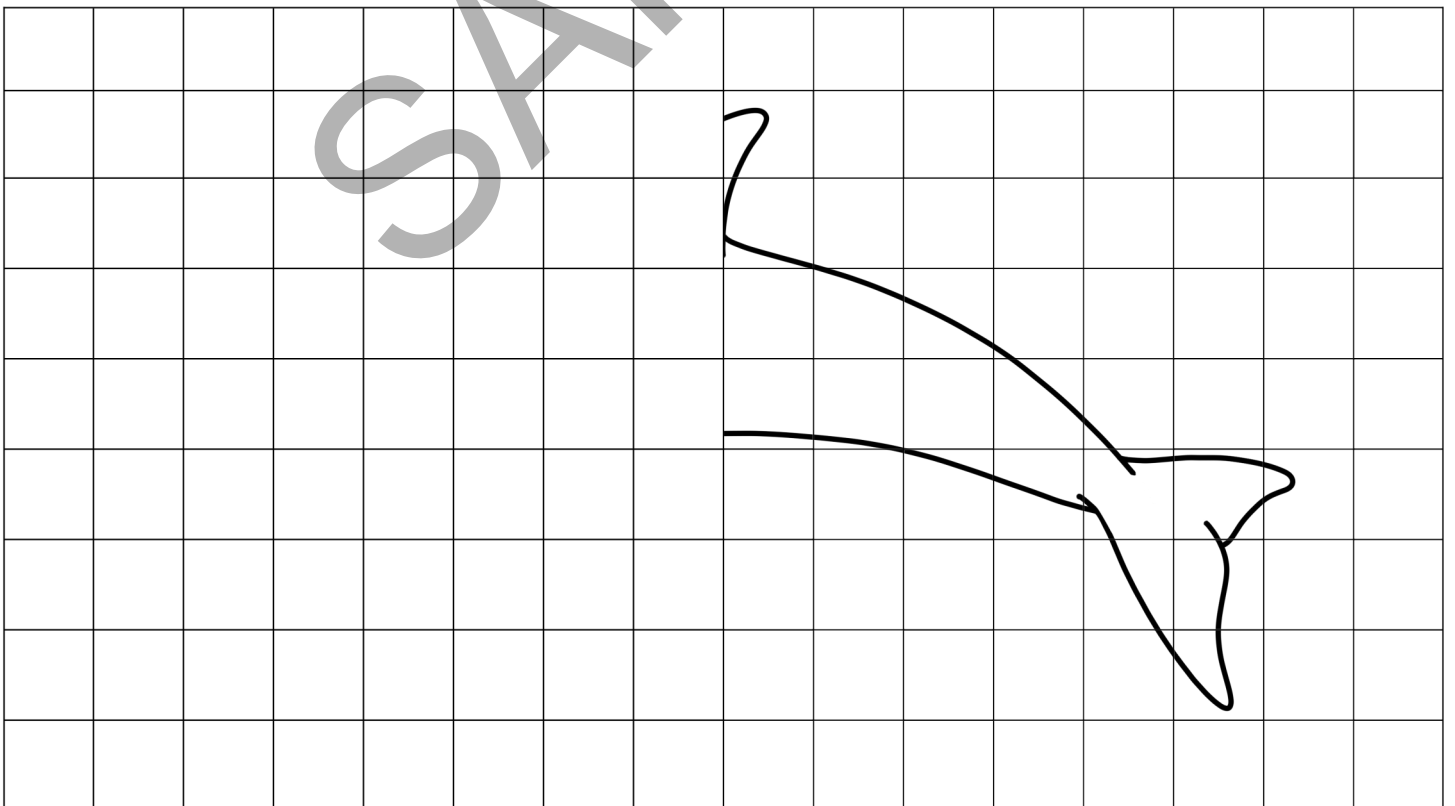
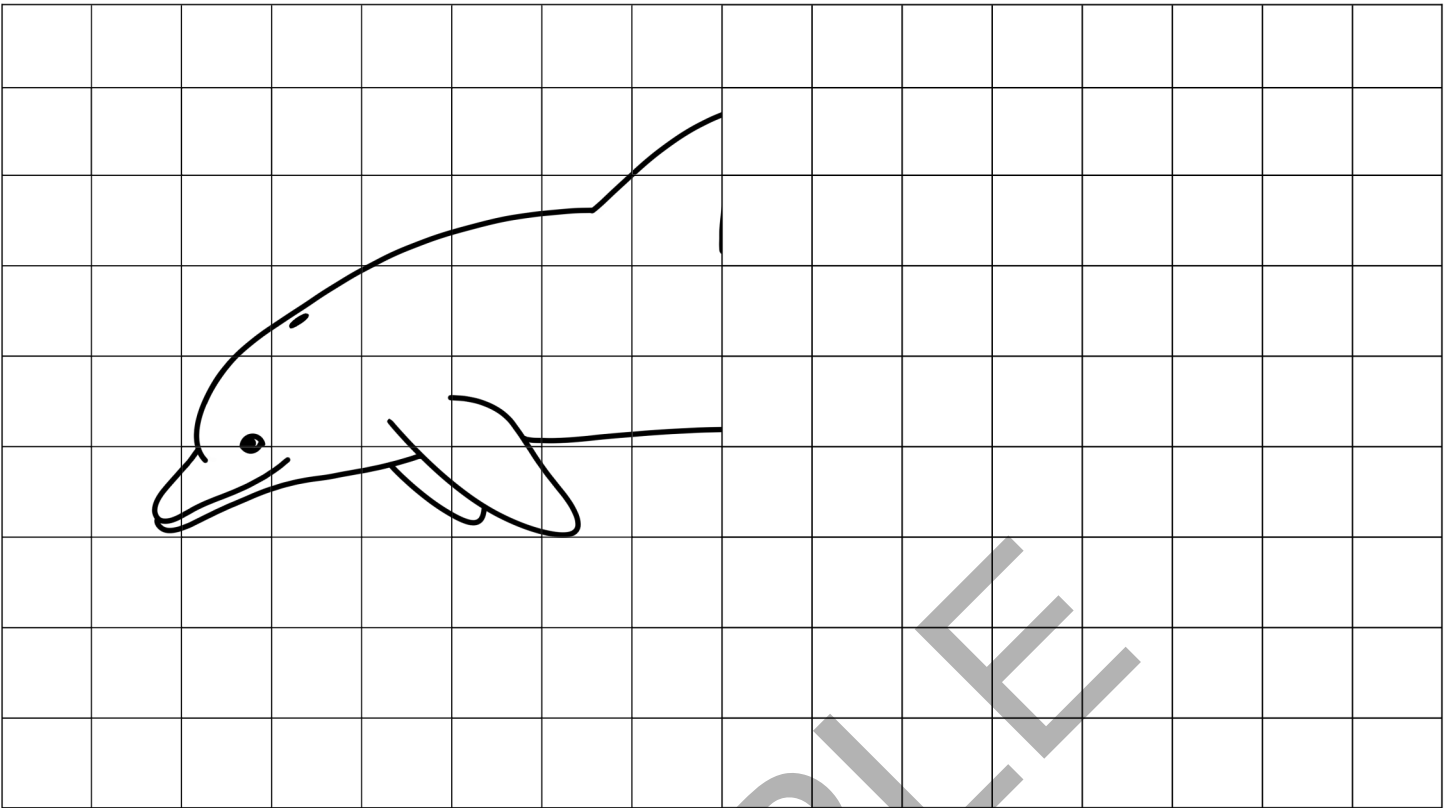
A bottlenose dolphin is gray, and its back is a darker shade than its underside. Its body is shaped something like a torpedo, which allows it to move through the water quickly. It has front limbs called flippers, but it does not have any back limbs. Its dorsal fin on its back helps it keep its balance when it is swimming, and its tail fins help it move through the water.

The bottlenose dolphin has smooth skin and a layer of fat called blubber under the skin. The blubber helps keep the dolphin warm. Since it is a mammal, the dolphin has lungs and must come to the surface of the water when it needs to breathe, which it does through the blowhole on the top of its head. It has very good hearing and eyesight but cannot smell.

Follow these instructions to draw a bottlenose dolphin on the next page like the picture shown below:

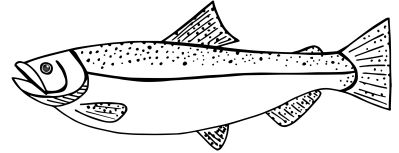
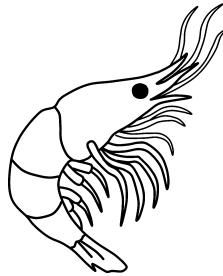
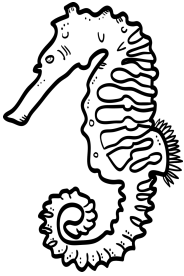
- Decide if you want to draw the right half of the picture or the left half of the picture and draw it in one of the first two grids. You can draw both if you'd like.
- Now, using a blank grid from the back of the book, try drawing the whole picture.



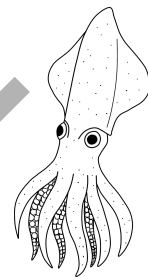
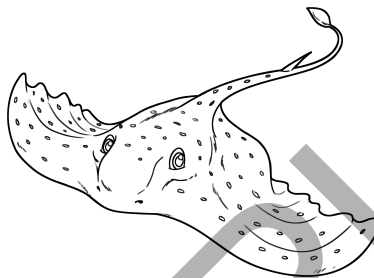
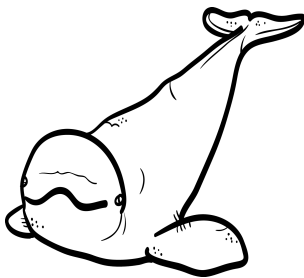


# Questions

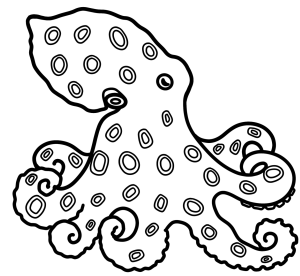
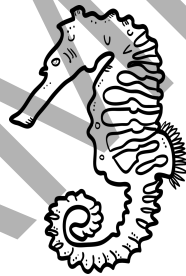
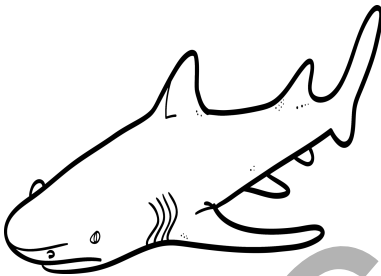
1. Which picture shows a chinook salmon? Circle it.



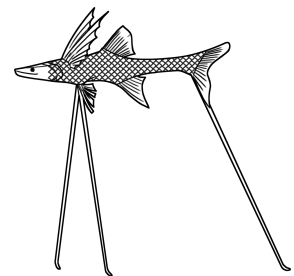
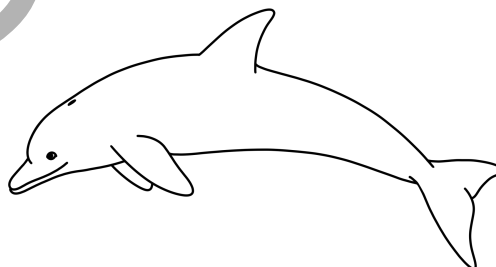
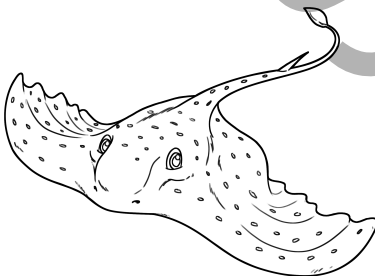
2. Which picture shows a stingray? Circle it.



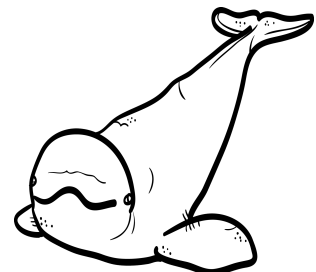
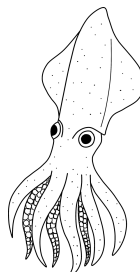
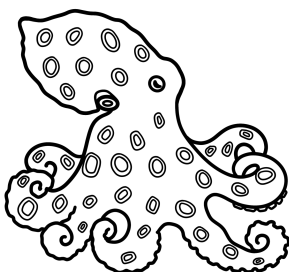
3. Which picture shows a seahorse? Circle it.

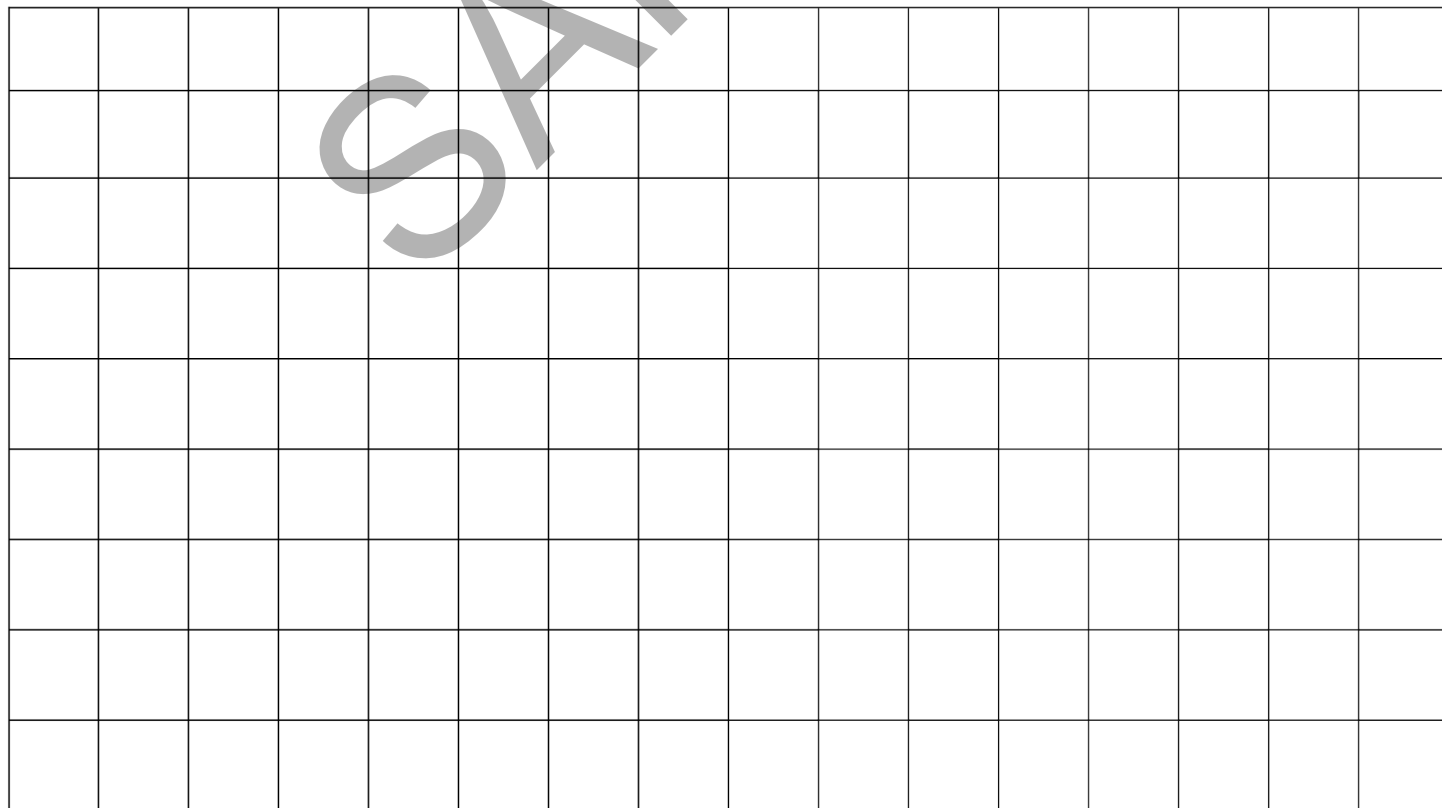
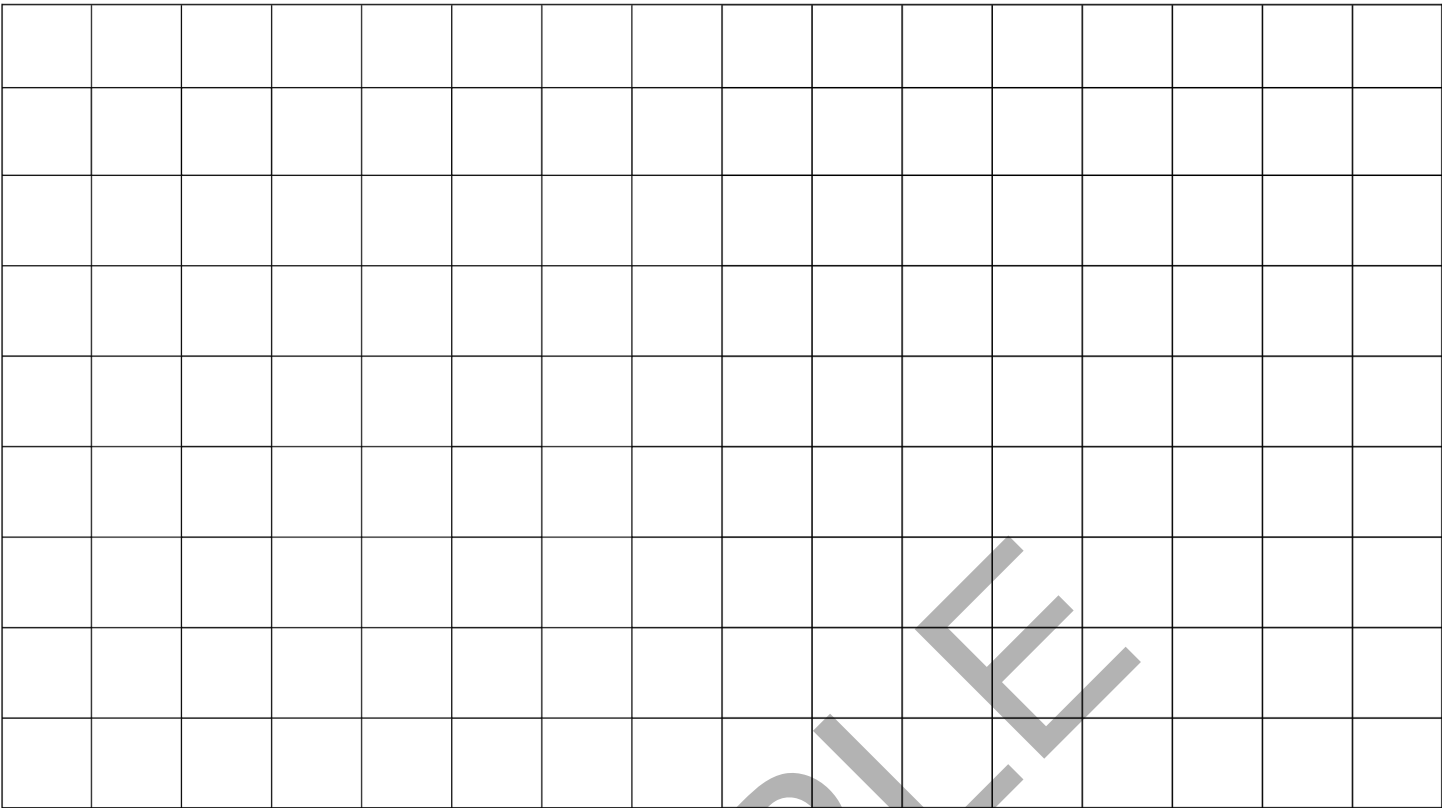


4. Which picture shows a tripod fish? Circle it.



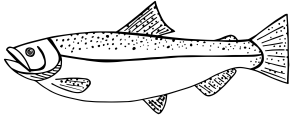
5. Which picture shows a blue-ringed octopus? Circle it.



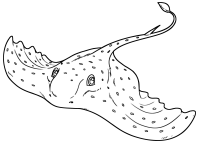


## Answer Key

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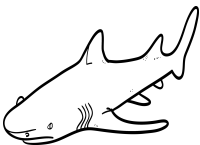
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