

## Grade 2 Exemplars

**Prompt: Octopuses need to protect themselves. Protect means to keep safe. Describe what octopuses can do to protect themselves. Support your answer with details from both texts.**

### **Exemplar A:**

An octopus protects itself. An octopus can squirt black ink. This darkens the water so it can hide behind the ink. Next, they can also move through small holes in coral reef structures. Bigger creatures cannot catch them because they would get stuck in these holes. Mimic octopuses can change colors and into terrifying shapes. This makes them look fierce so others will not go near to them. This is how an octopus protects itself.

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**Exemplar B:**

An octopus protects itself in many ways. These creatures live in coral reef structures that have small holes. They can hide inside these small holes so no one will see them. Next, they can also squirt black ink if enemies attack them. This keeps them safe because the black ink makes it hard for predators to see them. Finally, an octopus can swim as fast as 25 mph to escape from enemies. Others cannot catch them because they are so strong and fast. This is how an octopus stays safe in the ocean.

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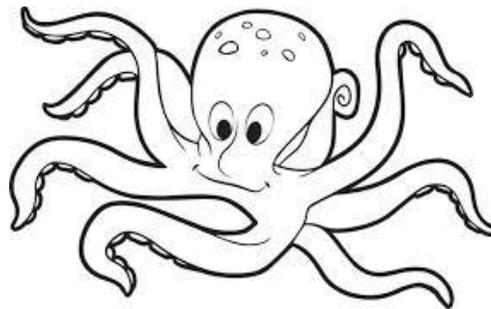
**Exemplar C:**

An octopus stays safe in different ways. They live near brightly colored coral reefs in the ocean, which keep them safe from harm because they can hide and escape through small spaces in these. Next, if an enemy grabs an octopus' tentacle, it breaks off. This 8-armed sea creature just grows a new one so it can swim away. Finally, an octopus is a strong swimmer and can move fast if it is in danger. Octopuses are good at protecting themselves.

**Task: Students studied the sea in depth during a hands-on thematic integrated science and social studies unit. They also read picture book stories with sea characters. Students chose a sea creature and prepared a page for a 'Field Guide to Sea Creatures' class book.**

**Exemplar D:**

### **Eight-legged Sea Wonders!**



Most people do not know how much an octopus can do to stay safe!

#### **Hide and Seek**

Octopuses know just when to squirt ink and camouflage. They can turn into bright colors and all kinds of shapes, even mimicking crabs or sea snakes. They do this when they feel threatened so they are not noticed.

#### **Real magic**

Have you ever seen a magician chop off an arm? Well an octopus really can detach their tentacles to protect themselves from predators.

#### **What was that? Speed demons!**

Finally, octopuses are strong and fast swimmers that can swim at 25mph. Now that is speed! They are much faster than sharks that eat them.

No wonder they keep safe in a mighty ocean full of predators.

## Below Level

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a octopus has tentacles that can brake. They live in coral reefs. They squirt ink They can be like a snak

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ID – tent brake + ?

ID – CR?

ID – squirt ink + ?

E

Octopuses are so good at protecting themselves!