

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 so it can hide. Mimic octopuses change shape so they look dangerous. Octopuses live in coral reef structures and they can slip away through small holes in these. This is how an octopus protects itself.

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Exemplar B:

An octopus protects itself in many ways. An octopus lives in coral reef structures where they can hide. An octopus can squirt black ink to protect itself if enemies attack it. Finally, an octopus can swim as fast as 25 mph to escape from enemies. This is how an octopus stays safe in the ocean.

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Exemplar C:

An octopus stays safe in different ways. Octopuses 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. The octopus grows a new one so this 8-armed sea creature can swim away. Finally, an octopus is a strong swimmer and can move fast. Octopuses are good at protecting themselves.

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Exemplar D:

An octopus can do so much to stay safe from enemies. Octopuses can squirt ink and detach their tentacles to protect themselves from predators. Also, octopuses are smart and have good short and long-term memory. If they get in trouble, they can figure out how to escape. Finally, octopuses are strong and fast swimmers that can swim at 25mph. Now that is speed! The octopus seems so well set to keep safe in a mighty ocean that is full of predators.