

Grade 2 Exemplars

Task: Describe what octopuses can do to protect themselves. (Protect means to keep safe.) 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. Octopuses are so good at protecting themselves. I am good at keeping myself and others safe too.

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. An octopus stands up for itself in clever ways. In our community, we can also stand up for everyone.

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 protect themselves in such different ways. In our community, we can stand up for our members to keep everyone safe too.

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