



Literacy and Intervention

SAMPLE LESSON

Reading Comprehension

in Varied Subject Matter

Building Comprehension Skills Across the Content Areas

Grades 2–11

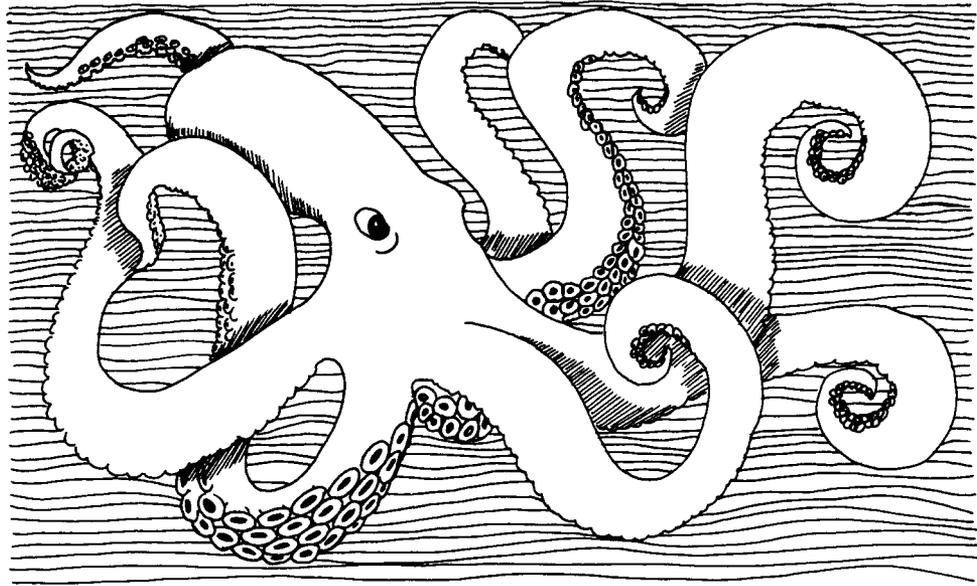


Early Reading Comprehension Book A

12 A Sea Monster?

What did Susan meet under water? Was it a sea monster?

Yes No



Susan was swimming under water when something came near her. It had a round middle with eight long arms sticking out of it. Each arm had rows of little cups that could hold things tightly. In its middle was a mouth with two **beaks** as sharp as knife **blades**.

In the past, many sailors had been afraid of this animal. But Susan was not afraid. She was a **scientist** learning about the **octopus**. She knew that it eats crabs and other small shellfish from the bottom of the sea. She knew that some octopuses give off lots of ink when they feel in danger. This makes a screen so their enemies can't see them slip away. Susan hoped this would not happen because she wanted to watch the octopus so she could learn more about it.

The passage is about

- (a) sea monsters (b) an octopus (c) how to swim under water

