

Finn's Big Ocean Census

Learning objective: To understand that a population is the group of people or creatures living in a particular place and to practise counting groups.

Finn the dolphin is counting all the friends who live in the Coral Cove. Help Finn by looking at the pictures and answering the questions below.

Finn the dolphin is swimming through the Coral Cove. He sees a group of 5 crabs, a group of 3 starfish, and a group of 8 little fish. He wants to know how many friends live in his home to make sure everyone has enough space to swim.

Word bank: population · group · count · more · fewer · community

1. Finn sees a group of 5 crabs. If 2 more crabs swim into the Cove, how many crabs are there altogether? (2 marks)

2. There are 8 fish and 3 starfish. Which group has more friends in it? (2 marks)

3. Why is it helpful for Finn to count how many creatures live in the Coral Cove? (2 marks)

4. If a shop in the ocean sells 1 shell for £1, how much would it cost to buy 3 shells for your friends? (2 marks)

5. Can you name one group of people that lives in your town or city? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of your own 'population'. Include yourself, your family, or your friends playing together in a park.

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Extension challenge: Ask an adult to help you find out how many people live in your house. Can you draw a portrait of each person and write their name underneath?