

# 'J' is for Jellyfish

**Did you know** . . .that Jellyfish can glow? (They have a little 'light bulb' inside made up of protein enzymes).

Jellyfish aren't made of jelly. Jellyfish aren't made of jam. There never was a Jellyfish that swam. (Jellyfish cannot swim. They float with ocean currents).

Jellyfish can sting. A Jellyfish can cause you pain. (Hanging tentacles have poison cells).

A 'Jelly' has no head, no heart, no brain. But 'Jellies' come in lovely hues of pink and orange, greens, and blues; and though they're not a fish – it's true - if you're a fish, they will eat you.

Where are all the Jellyfish? In the oceans 'round our global Earth, 'blooms' of Jellyfish give birth.

But Jellyfish are not to fear. A 'Jelly' only lives a year. Of all the creatures in the sea, a Jellyfish is best to see!

THE END

## More Did You Know...

- Jellyfish live in the sea and are found in all oceans.
- Some jellyfish live in freshwater.
- Jellyfish look like umbrellas.
- Jellyfish can be large and brightly colored.
- They can often be transparent (see-through) or translucent (semi-translucent).
- Some can be very hard to see, nearly invisible to the human eye.
- Although the word is mentioned in their name, jellyfish are not fish.
- A group of jellyfish is called a 'bloom', 'swarm' or 'smack'.
- Large blooms can feature over 100,000 jellyfish.
- Jellyfish use their tentacles to sting. Most are harmless to humans but stings from some species, such as the box jellyfish, can be very painful and sometimes kill.
- Box jellyfish are almost transparent (see-through).
- Jellyfish eat plankton. Some sea turtles eat jellyfish.

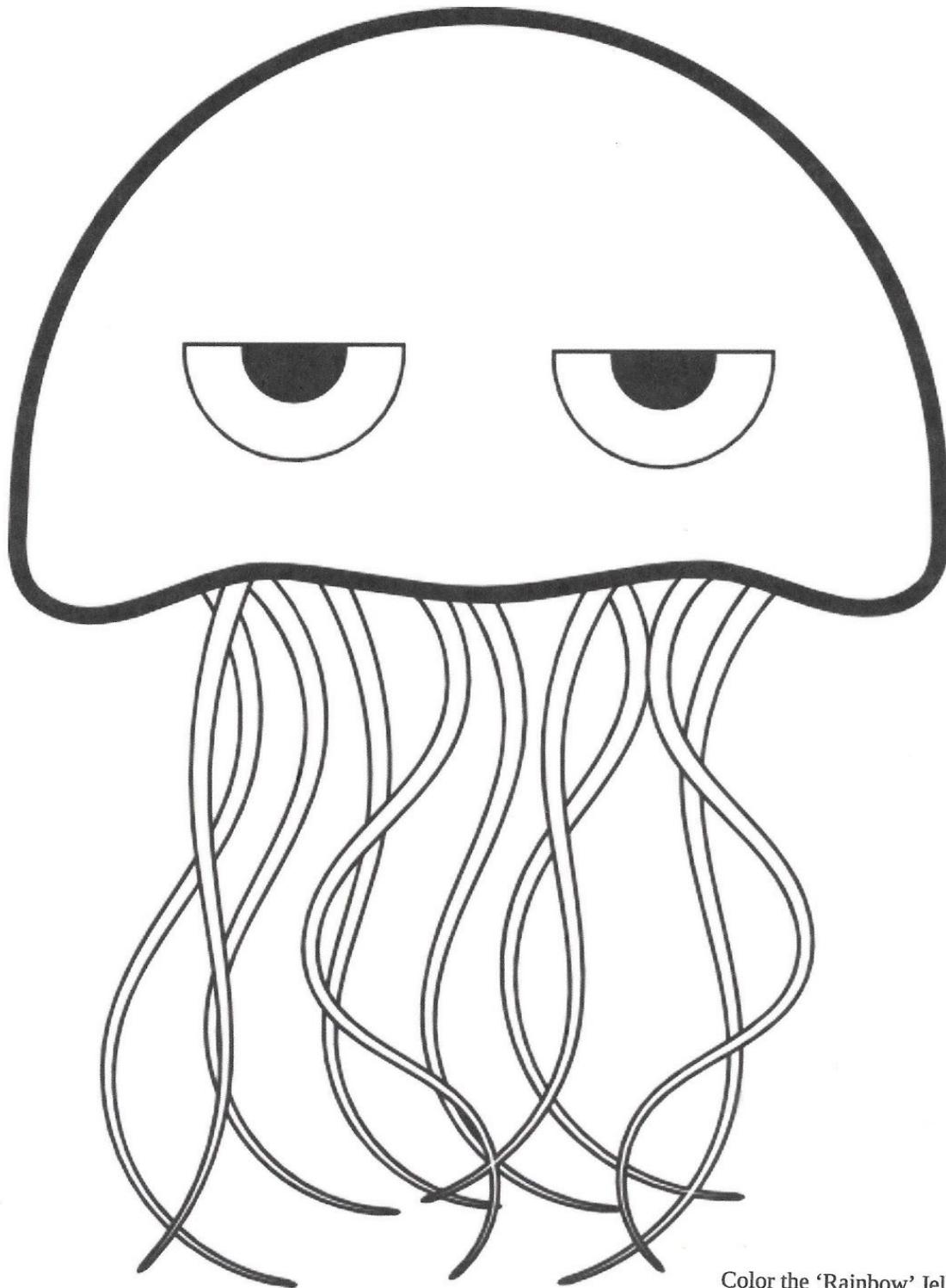


## True False Quiz

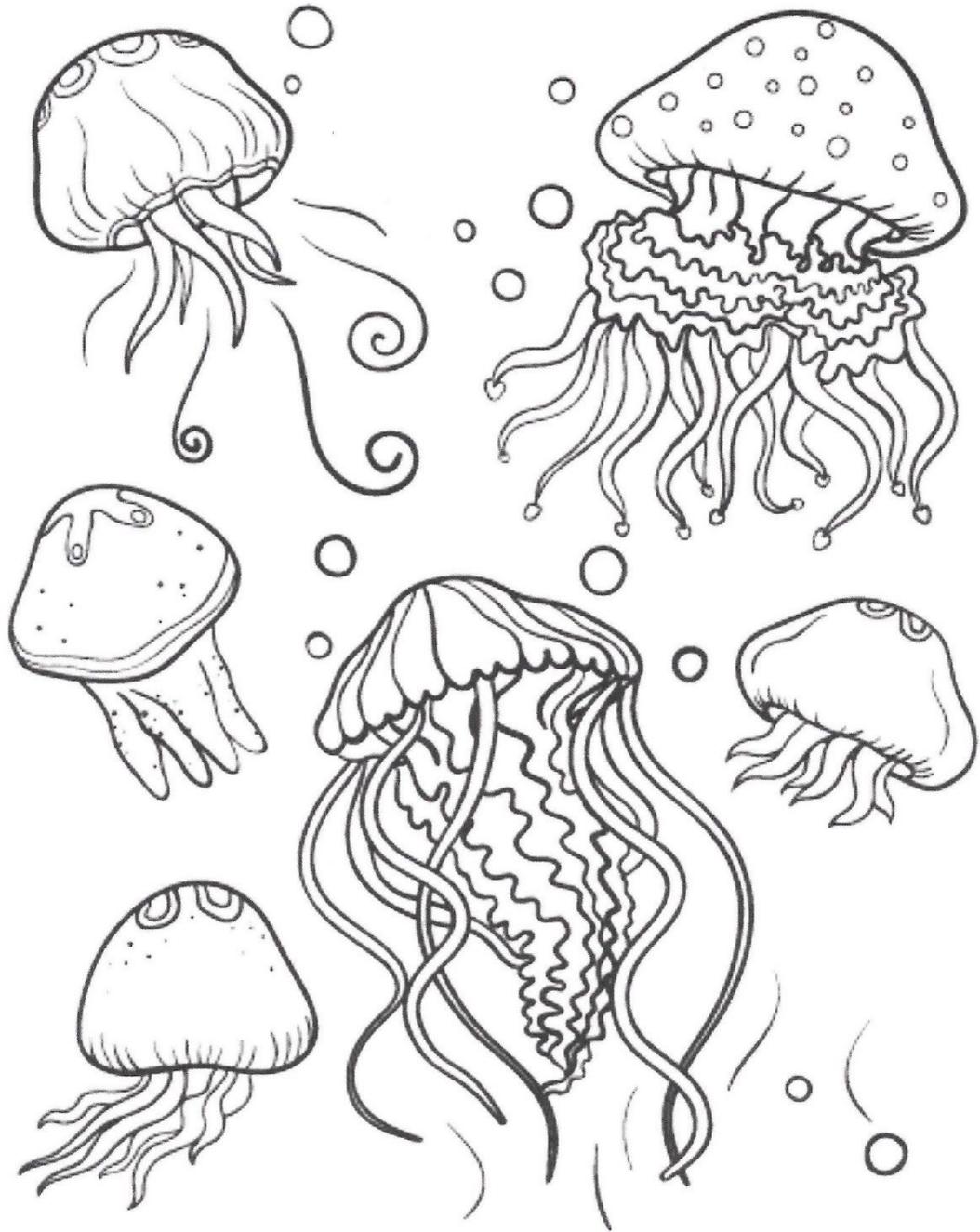
*Answers are in the Story and Did You Know*

**Circle the right answer.**

1.     T     F     Jellyfish can glow.
  
2.     T     F     A jellyfish has no brain.
  
3.     T     F     A jellyfish only lives one year.
  
4.     T     F     A jellyfish is a fish.
  
5.     T     F     A group of jellyfish is called a 'bloom'.
  
6.     T     F     A 'bloom' can have over 100,000 jellyfish.
  
7.     T     F     The 'box' jellyfish is a species that will sting you.
  
8.     T     F     Jellyfish are found in all oceans of the world.
  
9.     T     F     Jellyfish have stingers in their tentacles.
  
10.    T     F     Jellyfish cannot swim.



Color the 'Rainbow' Jellyfish.  
Color the water.  
Cut pieces of colored yarn.  
Glue the top of the yarn  
for tentacles.



## 'J' Names

Unscramble the names below. Write the right name on the line.

Draw a line to the kid that you think has that name.

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Jluia

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