

# '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!

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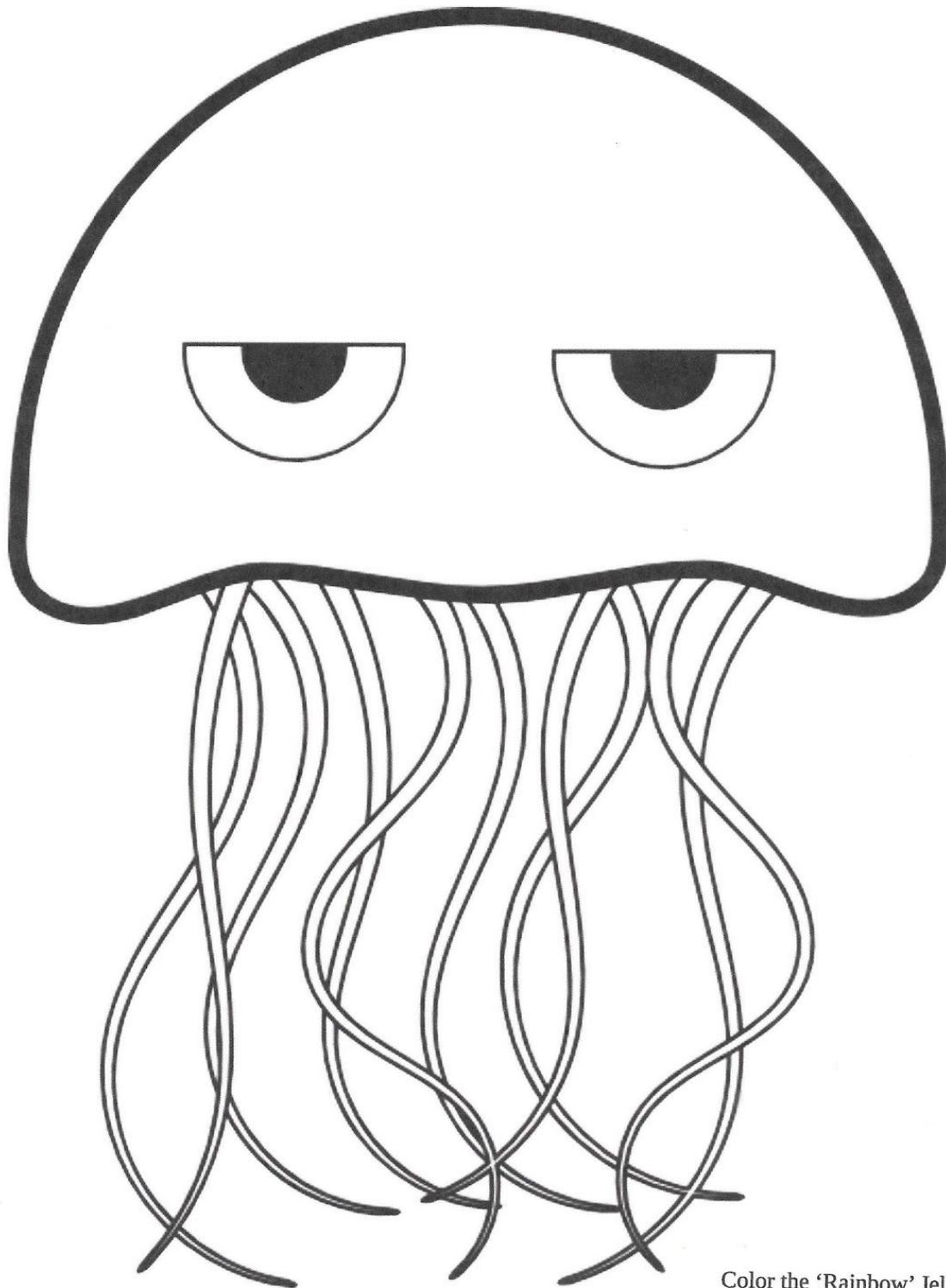
### A Jellyfish Joke

Why did the fisherman put peanut butter on his fishing pole?"

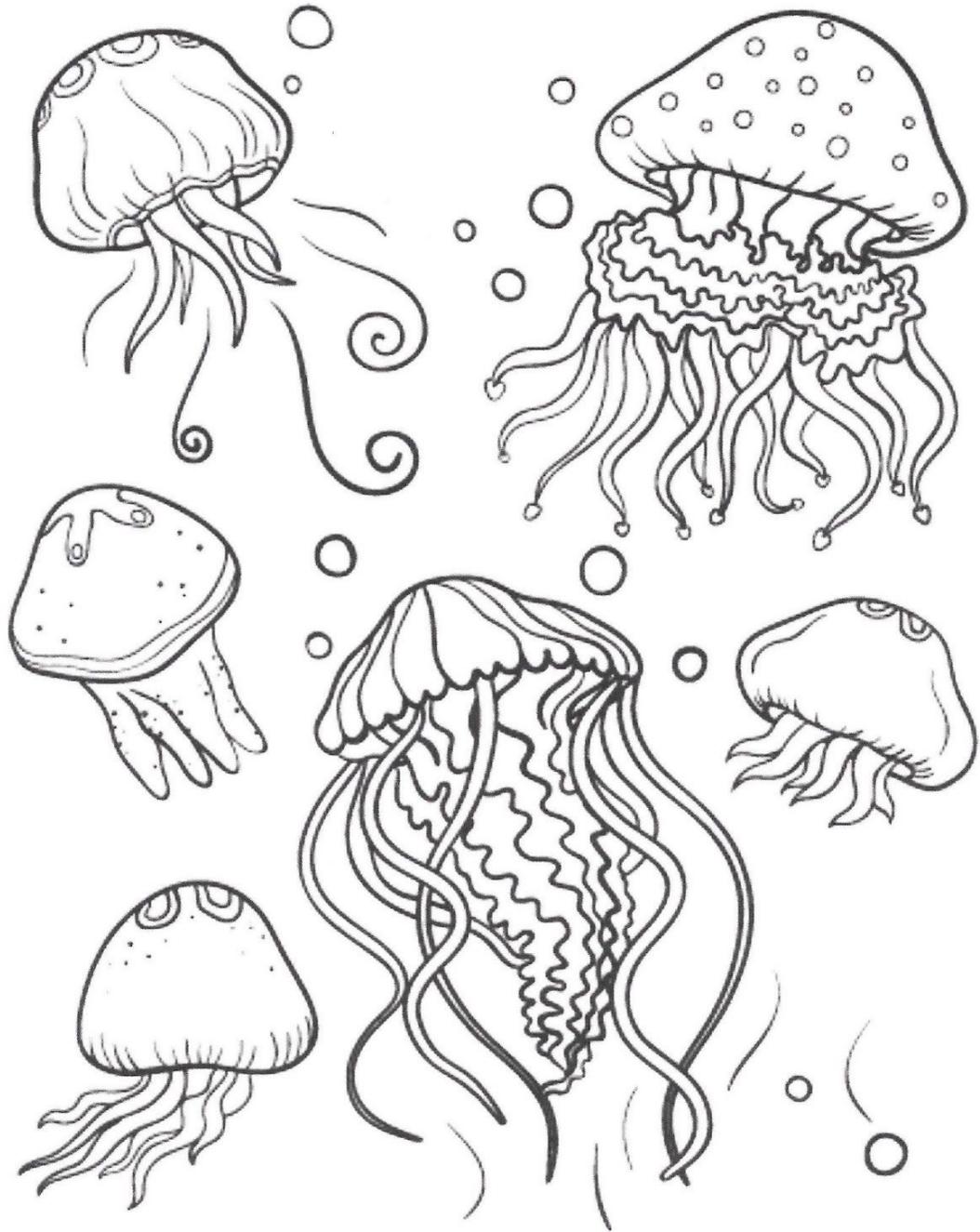
Answer: To catch a **j**ellyfish.

## 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-transparent).
- 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.



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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