

DEEP SEA MISSION: Whale of a Squid

Wild Kratts • Level B1 • 45–60 min • Name: _____ Date: _____

Your mission: A sperm whale and a giant squid are fighting in the dark, deep ocean. Watch, collect the evidence, and complete your Mission File. Agent, are you ready?

Level 1: Before the Dive (5 min)

A. Who would win? Sperm whale or giant squid? Vote and give ONE reason.

I think the _____ will win because _____.

B. Match the word to the meaning.

#	Word		Meaning
1	tentacle	a	to go deep under water
2	dive	b	a long, flexible arm of a squid
3	prey	c	the hard, sharp mouth of a squid
4	beak	d	an animal that another animal hunts and eats
5	echolocation	e	finding objects using sound that bounces back
6	calf	f	a baby whale

Answers: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___ 6 ___

Level 2: Watch and Collect Evidence

C. True or False? Correct the false sentences.

- Chris and Martin are testing a new submarine at the start. **T / F**
- The sub is pulled into a fight between a sperm whale and a giant squid. **T / F**
- Aviva makes a bicycle for the brothers. **T / F**
- Martin gets covered in squid slime. **T / F**

5. Chris finds a whale tooth on the sub. **T / F**
6. The brothers use their Creature Power Suits to go deeper than the sub can. **T / F**
7. The whale in the battle has a calf (a baby). **T / F**
8. The Kratts decide not to help the animals. **T / F**

D. Put the events in order (1-6).

___ Aviva makes the whale and squid Creature Power Discs. ___ The brothers test the sub.
 ___ Martin and Chris put on their Creature Power Suits and dive. ___ The sub is sucked
 into the battle. ___ Chris and Martin shout, "To the Creature Rescue!" ___ Martin gets
 covered in slime and Chris finds a tooth.

E. Think while you watch. Answer in your own words.

1. Why can't the sub go any deeper? _____
2. Why do the brothers need *both* a whale suit and a squid suit?

3. How does the battle end? Do you think it is fair? Why / why not?

Level 3: Battle Stats (Real Science)

The cartoon is exciting, but what is real? Read the facts, then complete the cards and the questions.

	 SPERM WHALE	 GIANT SQUID
Length	up to about 16 m	up to about 13 m
Weapon	large teeth (lower jaw only)	beak and strong tentacles with suckers
Special power	echolocation: loud clicks find prey in total darkness	the biggest eyes in the animal world (about 27 cm)
Depth	dives over 1,000 m, holds breath up to about 90 minutes	lives in the deep, dark ocean
Defence	huge size and speed	ink and fast jet propulsion
Fun fact	has the biggest brain of any animal	has 3 hearts and blue blood

F. Compare them. Use *-er than*, *the most* / *-est*, or *as ... as*.

1. The sperm whale is _____ (long) the giant squid.
2. The squid's eyes are _____ (big) in the animal world.
3. A sperm whale can stay under water _____ (long) a human.
4. Which animal is _____ (dangerous) in your opinion? _____

G. Rate the fighters (1-10). Be ready to defend your numbers!

Category	Whale	Squid
Strength		
Speed		
Senses		
Defence		
TOTAL		

H. Why does this matter? Whales hunt squid in the deep sea, but the cartoon shows a *giant* squid. The real animal in a sperm whale's fight is often a *colossal* squid, which is even heavier. Why are these animals hard to study? Give two reasons.

1. _____
2. _____

Level 4: Be the Agent

I. Design your own Creature Power Suit. Choose any deep-sea animal (anglerfish, giant isopod, vampire squid, great white shark...).

- Animal: _____
- Power 1: _____ (what it does) → I can _____
- Power 2: _____ (what it does) → I can _____
- Weakness: _____
- Draw it here: [box for drawing]

J. Debate (pairs, 3 min).

Should scientists build a submarine to find giant squid, or leave the deep ocean alone?

Useful language: *I agree because... / I see your point, but... / On the other hand... / The main problem is...*

K. Mission Report (write 6–8 sentences). Use the past simple.

Begin: *Yesterday, Chris and Martin tested a new submarine. Suddenly...*

Bonus Round

A giant squid can reach 13 m. Measure 13 m in your classroom. How many students lying in a line is that? Write your guess first, then check!

My guess: _____ Real answer: _____

Teacher Key

B. 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c, 5-e, 6-f

C. 1 T, 2 T, 3 F (she makes Creature Power Suits/Discs), 4 T, 5 T, 6 T, 7 T, 8 F (they go to rescue them)

D. Test the sub (1), sucked into battle (2), Aviva makes discs (3), slime and tooth (4), suits and dive (5), "To the Creature Rescue!" (6)

E. Open answers. Sample for 1: the sub cannot survive the deep pressure and the battle currents.

F. 1 longer than, 2 the biggest, 3 longer than, 4 open (more dangerous)

H. Sample: very deep and dark; hard to reach; high pressure; they move fast and are rarely seen.

Check facts and episode details against the video before class. Episode numbering varies: it aired as episode 2 of season 1, alongside "Mom of a Croc" on the first broadcast day.