



## Gentle Giant Octopus - August 2008

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A vivid account of a lesser-known creature of the deep, in which memorable illustrations and poetic descriptions convey the life of this sea giant.

### Activities

- **Create a chart**

Draw a chart and list descriptions of the features and habits of the giant octopus.

Giant octopus features	Like a...
Shape	spaceship
Sinking	huge rubber flower

- **Shape a poem**

In groups, children can create a shape poem, making a word picture of the gentle giant using felt pens in octopus colours.

- **Make a collage**

Using tissue paper, inks or paint, children can create a watery seascape and the giant octopus moving gracefully within it.

- **Move like an octopus**

During a hall session, children can use the space to move and behave like a giant octopus, with prompted reading from relevant sections of the book.

- **Design patterns of eight**

Children can research in books and on the internet to collect pictures of octopi and create "giant" eight-sided shapes or patterns using squared paper, inks, collage and paint.



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