



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Scavenger Hunt

1. The first building you enter in the Aquarium is called the Freshwater Conservatory. All of the exhibits here are fresh water, and represent the Cape Fear River. Name one plant and one animal you see that lives along the Cape Fear River.

Plant \_\_\_\_\_ Animal \_\_\_\_\_

2. Where does the plant you listed get its energy from?

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3. The animals in the Hidden Hunters exhibit are known to be ambush predators. This means they often hide out of sight and wait for prey to swim by. Why is this an effective hunting technique?

4. Place one of the listed animals seen in the Conservatory in each box to correctly show who eats what in the Cape Fear River area:

Frog  
Alligator  
Cottonmouth snake



5. The Touch Tank on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Marine Building represents a coquina outcrop. Describe the physical conditions of this type of environment.

6. What is your favorite animal in the Touch Tank? Describe that animal and how its physical characteristics help it live in a coquina outcrop.

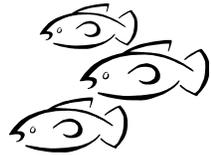


*Ask for help from  
aquarium staff if  
you need it!*



7. The fish in the Cape Fear Shoals exhibit in the Marine Building (the BIG tank) need certain things to stay alive and healthy. What are some of those things?

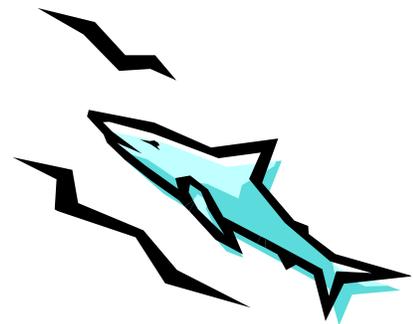
8. The Cape Fear Ledge exhibit in the Ocean Gallery on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Marine Building represents the hardbottom habitat of Onslow Bay. What is found abundantly in Onslow Bay that boosts plant production and contributes to the rich supply of plants and animals in the region?



9. Find the Megalodon jaws on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Marine Building and look at the teeth. Megalodon was the largest shark to ever live, measuring sixty feet in length. What animal is their closest living relative? Megalodon's teeth were up to seven inches long. What did this shark eat?

10. Look closely at the animals in the Pacific Coral Reef exhibit in the Exotic Aquatics gallery on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Marine Building. Corals need warm, shallow water with abundant sunlight to grow. What do you think would happen if the water became too hot or cold? What about if the water became polluted and sunlight could not reach the coral?

11. Name one thing you can do to help the ocean be a healthy environment for animals and plants and explain why it would help.



12. What is your favorite part of the aquarium and why?