



[Over in the Ocean In a Coral Reef](#)  
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**Literacy Activity**  
**Sequencing the Story**

Print and cut out the ocean animal cards. Have your child line the stories up as they appeared in the story. If you can't print the cards just have your child point to the animals as they appeared in the story.

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**Dramatic Play or Music Activity**

Try these finger plays or hand movements for each fish's actions in the story.

**Octopuses SQUIRT** – Squeeze both hands as if you are squirting something.

**Parrotfish GRIND** – Place thumbs under other fingers and move back and forth in a grinding motion.

**Clownfish DART** – Place hands together as if praying and move quickly back and forth.

**Stingrays STIR** – Make fists with both hands and stir in a circular motion.

**Pufferfish PUFF** – Touch fingertips together to make a ball and open and close.

**Dolphins JUMP** – Shape hands like dolphins and make them jump. At end of this verse, roll hands as if doing a somersault.

**Angelfish GRAZE** – Put hands together again as you did with darting, but this time move very slowly.

**Needlefish SKITTER** – Put arms way out straight. Then separate arms and wiggle fingers in skittering motion.

**Gruntfish GRUNT** – Place thumbs under other fingers and open and shut in a snapping motion; Then point fingers together as if kissing.

**Seahorses FLUTTER** – Move fingers as if playing piano in fluttering motion.

**Math Activity**

Look and count all the different animals.

**Tip:** Watch the read aloud and wait for the last page.

How many of each can you find?

- Octopus \_\_\_\_\_
- Parrotfish \_\_\_\_\_
- Stingray \_\_\_\_\_
- Clownfish \_\_\_\_\_
- Dolphins \_\_\_\_\_
- Seahorses \_\_\_\_\_
- Pufferfish \_\_\_\_\_
- Needlefish \_\_\_\_\_
- Gruntfish \_\_\_\_\_
- Angelfish \_\_\_\_\_



**Science Activity**

Match the real ocean animal pictures to the clay pictures from the sequencing activity.

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