# Creatures in the Layers of the Ocean





and and her win



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Sunlight Zone     • Has plants   • Sleek bodied fish   • Fast fish that hunt	
<b>Twilight Zone</b> • No plants • Grazers and hunt	
The Abyss     • Small due to pressure   • No eyes   • Feed on dead matter	

2. Draw the creatures in the ocean layers picture.



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Amphipod (See-through eyeless shrimp)



Dolphin (Warm blooded mammal that sometimes comes up for air)





Viper Fish (Waits for its prey to be lured by its glow)



Octopus (8 legged creatures that searches and hunts for prey)



Angler fish (Fish with light up bulb hanging in front of its face to attract prey)

Salmon (Speedy fish that lives in salt and fresh water)



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**Twilight Zone** Due to lack of sunlight no plants grow here.

Some creatures feed by filtering the water

whilst others will graze. Others creatures

hunt and some will do this at speed.

#### Sunlight Zone

Sunlight allows plants to grow so plant feeders are found as well as fast swimming hunters. Fish tend to be sleeked bodied and muscly so they can catch their prey.

#### The Abyss

There is no light whatsoever, so often creatures will not have eyes and are sometimes transparent. They are likely to be small due to the pressure of the water above. Creatures tend to move little, have very low metabolic rates and feed on dead matter from above.

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