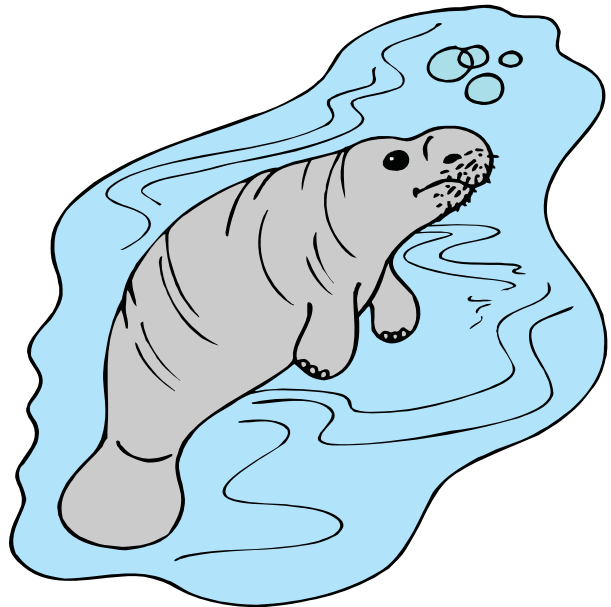


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The Florida manatee is a big animal that lives in the warm water. Some people say that it looks like a cow. They have flippers and a tail to help them swim.

Manatees only eat plants. Wow, that is so cool! These friendly animals can swim in the water, but they need to stick their nose out of the water to breathe.



These large mammals are endangered. That means that there are not many manatees left on Earth. Manatees get hurt by boats. We must save them! Manatees are one of my favorite animals. How about you?

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Read the story. Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Where does the manatee live?

- A. In the cold water
- B. In the warm water
- C. In the pool
- D. In the forest

2. What do manatees eat?

- A. Only meat
- B. Meat and plants
- C. Only plants
- D. Other animals

3. How do manatees breathe?

- A. They breathe in the water
- B. They breathe with their gills
- C. They do not breathe
- D. They stick their nose out of the water to breathe

4. In the story, what does the word "endangered" mean?

- A. There are lots of manatees left on Earth
- B. There are not many manatees left on Earth
- C. Manatees are extinct
- D. Manatees are friendly

5. How do manatees get hurt?

- A. Other animals hurt them
- B. They get hurt by swimming too fast
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