

NEWS BREAK

Sunday's News Break selects an article from **Sunday, October 18, 2015** of The Seattle Times e-Edition for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected story and answer the attached study questions.

Huge schools of Puget Sound squid returning (Sports, page C12)

Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

1. Read the title of this article. What is a squid? Name one thing you know about squids and one thing you would like to find out.

2. **Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions below.**

- A. crustacean
- B. culinary
- C. decapods
- D. flood tides
- E. gorge
- F. jigging
- G. life cycle
- H. lure
- I. mottled
- J. pier
- K. schools
- L. spawn
- M. tentacles

- 1. a structure that goes out from a shore into the water
- 2. any cephalopod mollusk of the order *Decapoda*, having a ring of eight short tentacles and two longer ones: includes the squids and cuttlefish
- 3. the series of stages through which a living thing passes from the beginning of its life until its death
- 4. to produce or lay eggs in water
- 5. used in or relating to cooking
- 6. marked with colored spots or areas
- 7. a large group of fish or other ocean animals that are swimming together
- 8. a rising tide
- 9. a device used for attracting and catching animals, birds, or especially fish
- 10. to move with quick sudden movements
- 11. one of the long, flexible arms of an animal (such as an octopus) that are used for grabbing things and moving
- 12. a type of animal (such as a crab or lobster) that has several pairs of legs and a body made up of sections that are covered in a hard outer shell
- 13. to eat large amounts of food

Comprehension

1. According to the article, when does the best fishing for squid usually occur?
 - a) In the morning
 - b) In the afternoon
 - c) In the middle of the night
 - d) None of the above
2. What are squid commonly referred to by food lovers in culinary circles?
3. About how long is the life cycle of a squid?
4. Squid usually measure about 12 inches – **true or false**?
5. How often do the squid return to spawn?
6. What are squid attracted to that reflect off the Seattle waterfront at the piers?
7. Where do most schools of squid tend to be found when jigging for them?
8. The best time to catch squid is during a flood tide – **true or false**?
9. According to the article, what do the squid gorge on?
10. What two months are the height of the squid jigging season?

Additional Activities

1. After reading this article research to find out more about squid. What are the common characteristics of squid? How do deep-sea squid differ from those found in shallow waters? What is a giant squid? Write down two new facts you learned about squid during your research and share them with your class. Below are some websites to help get you started.

<http://www.squid-world.com/facts-about-squids/>

<http://animalfunnyfacts.blogspot.com/2013/10/squid-some-interesting-facts.html>

<http://ocean.si.edu/giant-squid>

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/invertebrates/giant-squid/>

2. Watch this video about squid jigging in Puget Sound:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LMi0h22KzI>

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Answer Key to Vocabulary

- A. 12
- B. 5
- C. 2
- D. 8
- E. 13
- F. 10
- G. 3
- H. 9
- I. 6
- J. 1
- K. 7
- L. 4
- M. 11

Answer Key to Comprehension Questions

- 1. c) In the middle of the night
- 2. Squid are commonly referred to as calamari.
- 3. The life cycle of a squid is around 18 months.
- 4. False – they measure about 6 to 10 inches.
- 5. They return to spawn annually.
- 6. They are attracted to the bright lights.
- 7. Most schools of squid tend to be just below the water's surface to about 20 feet down.
- 8. True
- 9. They gorge on small baitfish and crustaceans
- 10. December and January