

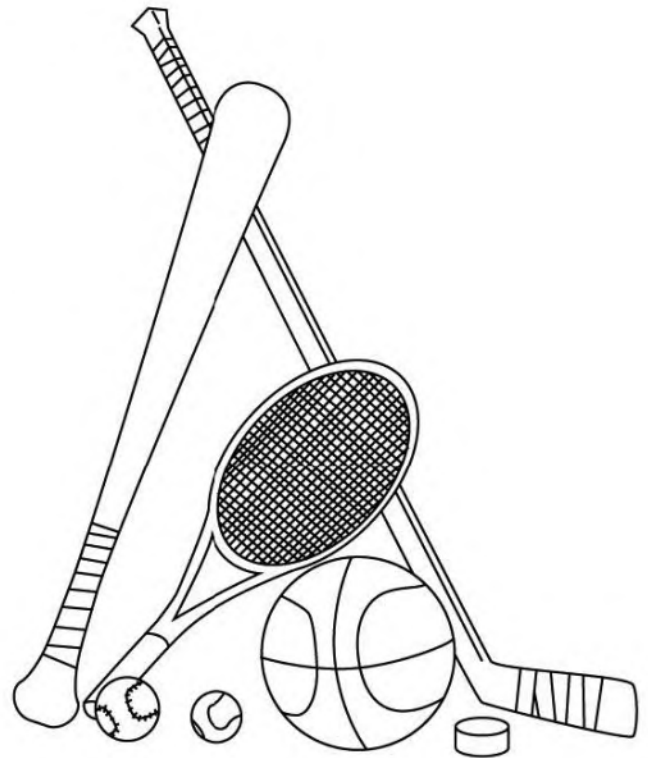
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Be a Good Sport!

Sports are more fun for everyone when the players show good **sportsmanship**. Here are some ways to show that you are a good sport.

- **Get involved.** When your teacher, coach, or other kids ask you to get involved in an activity, do not grumble and moan. Show some **enthusiasm** and **get involved**.
- **Be flexible.** People often prefer to play a certain position on a team. For example, if you play hockey, you might prefer being the goalie. If you are asked to play a **different position**, **do not hesitate** to give it a try.
- **Do not be picky about who you play with.** In gym class, your teacher might divide the students into two teams. What if all your friends are on one team, but you get assigned to the other team? Being a good sport means **following instructions** and **not complaining** if you do not like the group you are assigned to.
- **Support your teammates.** Good sportsmanship is about more than just doing your best. It also means encouraging others on your team and celebrating their success when they do well. If a teammate does not do well, **do not criticize**. Instead, say something **supportive** like “Good effort!”
- **Be kind to the other team.** Sports are a form of **competition**. It is easy to decide you do not like the people on the other team just because you are playing against them. Remember that you would not be able to play if you did not have **opponents** to play against. Do not fall into the trap of saying or doing **nasty** things to people on the other team.
- **Control your temper.** Getting angry at the referee, one of the players, or yourself will not help you or your team. Show **respect** for everyone involved in the game, and do not speak disrespectfully to anyone.
- **Do not be a sore loser.** Remember that playing sports is mostly about **having fun**. You can enjoy playing even if your team does not win. Show that you are a **good sport** by **congratulating** the other team when they win.





“Be a Good Sport!”—Think About It

1. Does the author believe that winning games is the main goal when you play sports? Use information from the text to support your answer.

2. What does the word *opponents* mean in this text?

3. Does the author believe players should feel thankful toward people on the other team? Use information from the text to support your answer.

4. Which sentence in the text shows that the author believes giving your best effort during a game is one way to be a good sport?

What Does a Marine Biologist Do?

Marine Biologists

Biologists study living things, including **plants** and **animals**. A **marine biologist** is someone who studies plants and animals that live in the **ocean**. Thousands of different plants and animals live in the ocean, so many marine biologists choose to study just one thing. For example, a marine biologist might decide to study dolphins, sharks, or seaweed.

Where Marine Biologists Do Their Work

Some marine biologists work on a **boat**. They might watch whales that come to the ocean's surface and observe how they behave and where they travel. Marine biologists might also use **underwater cameras** to watch animals that do not come to the surface.

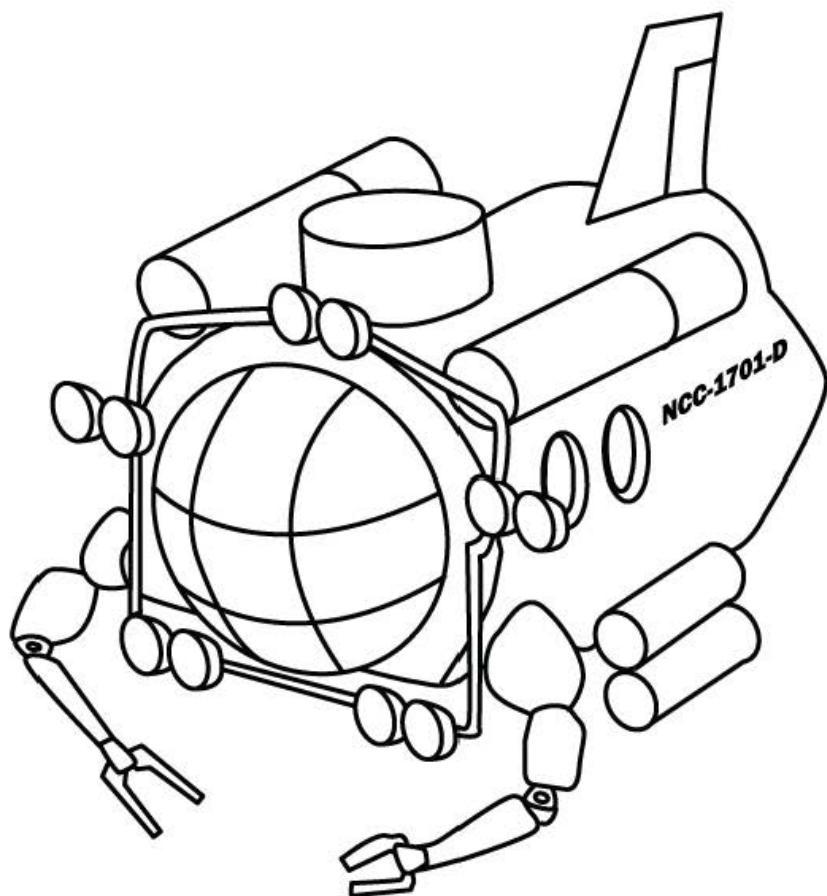
Other marine biologists go down into the ocean. Some are **scuba divers** who **collect** underwater plants so they can learn more about them. The scuba divers might also collect marine animals. They **study** the animals to learn about how their bodies work and whether they have any **diseases**.

Sometimes marine biologists use a small type of **submarine** to go into the ocean. The submarine has bright lights and lots of clear plastic so people can see what is happening under the ocean's surface.

Some marine biologists work in **laboratories**, observing fish in large water tanks, or looking at tiny sea creatures under a microscope.

Becoming a Marine Biologist

If you are interested in becoming a marine biologist, learn to read and write well. Marine biologists read and write many **scientific reports**. You should also work hard at science. People take lots of science **courses** at a **university** to become marine biologists.



This small submarine has lots of lights for seeing things in deep water, and claws for picking things up off the ocean floor.



“What Does a Marine Biologist Do?”—Think About It

1. Write a definition for marine animals.

2. Different types of scientists often become experts in one particular topic. Is this true of marine biologists? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.

3. Some marine biologists do not go down into the ocean. What are three examples of ways these marine biologists study animals?

4. Scuba divers and small submarines cannot stay underwater for very long periods of time. Why?

5. The illustration shows a small submarine that marine biologists might use. Write two things you learned about this submarine from the illustration.

6. What is one way that marine biologists share the information they learn?
