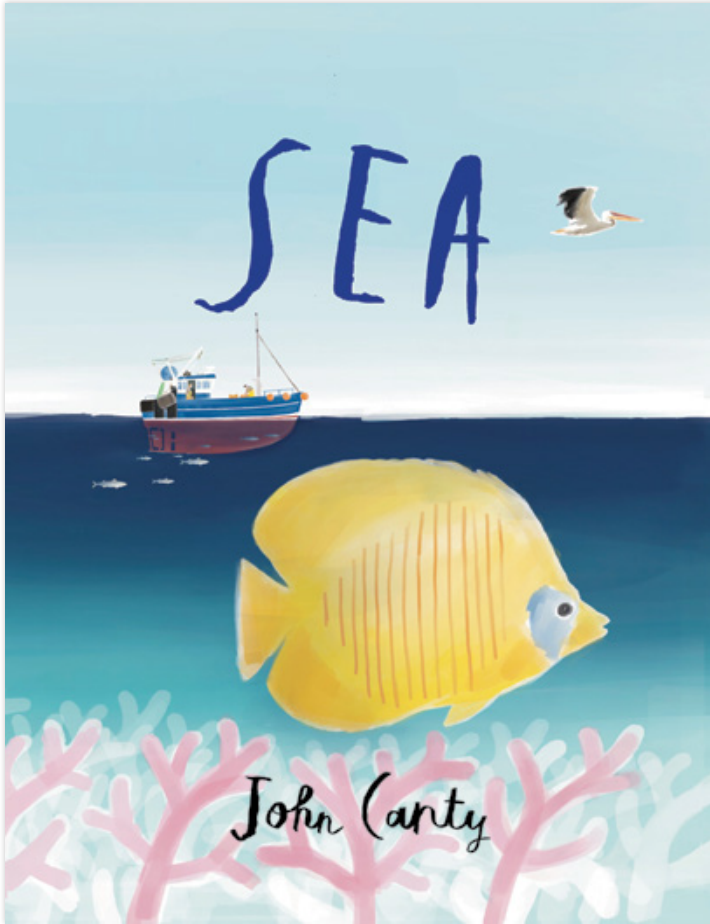


# Teachers' notes for Sea



## ABOUT THE BOOK

### SYNOPSIS

In this beautifully illustrated picture book, acclaimed author/illustrator John Canty invites young readers to explore the wonder and mystery of the ocean. With lyrical text and stunning artwork, this captivating journey reveals the sea's many moods, habitats, and creatures. Perfect for curious minds and lovers of nature.

### THEMES

- Ocean habitats & marine life
- Environmental awareness and conservation
- Visual literacy
- Curiosity & scientific thinking

### AUTHOR / ILLUSTRATOR

John Canty is a Melbourne-based author and illustrator known for his award-winning picture books, including the Heads and Tails series and Shapes and Colours. With a background in art and design, he blends traditional techniques with contemporary style to create engaging, educational books for young readers. His work has received multiple accolades, including CBCA Notable listings and international awards.

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## FOR THE CLASSROOM

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What do you think the book will be about?
- What clues is the narrator giving you?
- What do you notice about the water? The horizon?
- How do the pictures help you guess the creature before it appears?
- What descriptive language does the author use to describe the sea? What other descriptive words could also be used to describe it?
- Why do you think the illustrator chose these colours and textures?
- Why is the sea important for animals and humans?
- How do the illustrations help tell the story?
- How does the sea change across the book?
- What would happen if the sea became polluted?
- How does the artwork make you feel?
- What clues can you see in the waves, colours and horizon line?
- What do you already know about the sea?
- What is one thing that lives in the sea?
- What is one thing that people do when they visit the sea?
- Where do you think the big ship is going?

### ACTIVITY

On a large sheet list everything you know about the sea:

- animals
- plants
- objects
- sounds
- textures
- colours

Ask children to draw their favourite part of the book and explain their picture.

Invite children to act out movements:

- Swim like an eel
- Clap like a walrus
- Jump like a dolphin