

# Ocean's Twelve Underwater Fashion Show

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## Announcer 1

Welcome to our *Ocean's Twelve Underwater Fashion Show*! We have a real treat for you today! In just a few moments you will get a chance to see our twelve models making a real *splash* of style as they display some of the hottest fashions from your local ocean!

## Announcer 2

A fashion show we have for you. As for our models, here's a clue. Each are dressed in the latest sea fashion. I'm sure you'll see with the greatest of passion. There are styles of seaworthy fashion and flair. We hope you'll enjoy...what we'd like to share.

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So please sit back, relax, and enjoy the latest fashions from the Oceans of the World! Turn off your cell phones, pagers, and beepers, You don't want to miss a moment of our upcoming presentation.

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Discover sealife fashion on the beach with our first model, **Sandy Sea Turtle!** She is looking very rare in this elegant design. Notice the large, streamlined shell and non-retractile head and limbs. The olive-green patterns are quite breathtaking, wouldn't you agree?

## Announcer 2

FACT – Sea Turtles lay eggs in beach sand. The flippers of sea turtles are long and paddle-like, making them excellent for swimming but poor for walking on land. But Sandy is doing quite a nice job on our runway, isn't she? Let's give her a big hand!

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Our next model is **Barbara Blue-Ringed Octopus**. She comes from the sea cliffs and rocky pools of Australia. She's wearing a cute yellow outfit accented with a venomous, deadly bite. Don't worry, she'll stay on the runway today.

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FACT – The Blue Ringed octopus is found in the rocky pools seen in the Pacific Ocean. When in the resting mode, the Blue Ringed octopus tends to blend naturally with the sand and rocks. The blue rings are visible only when it is about to attack.

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Our next model is **Matthew Manatee**. Doesn't he look hip and comfortable? And this outfit is just perfect for those wet underwater days in warm bays and lagoons. He looks just as great as the models and stars in the Sea World ads!

## Announcer 2

FACT – Manatee, also called Sea Cow, eats sea grass. Manatee has flippers and a round tail, and grows to be as large as a real cow and can way up to a hefty 3900 pounds! No worries, he won't take offense, Manatee is very gentle by nature.

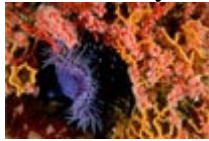
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Our next models are from the colorful coral reef. **Corey Clown Fish, Katy Crab, Linda Lobster, Sam Seahorse, and Patty Purple Sea Urchin**. So fresh and creative, they are adorned with vibrant colors and whimsical prints. Can you get any more beautiful than that? And you would never guess how much they saved by buying their outfits at Sea-Mart.



## Announcer 2

FACT - Coral reefs are warm, clear, shallow ocean habitats that are rich in life. Coral Reefs have more kinds of wildlife than any other place in the sea. Other sealife found in coral reef include



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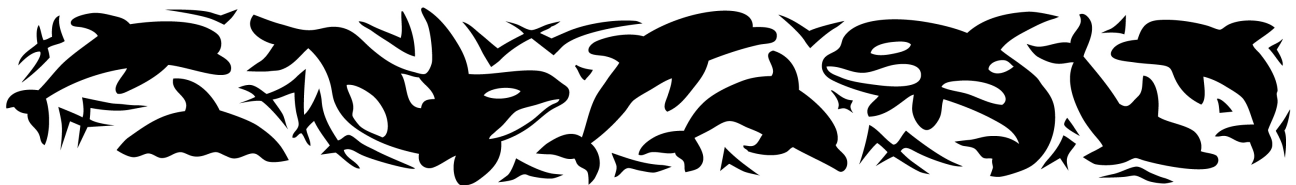
sea cucumber



giant clam



parrot fish



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Here is a popular look. Our next model, **Davita Dolphin** is ready to enjoy a summer swim. To complement the sleek gray outfit, notice the blowhole on top of her head. Check out this fabulous look. A real must for every summer wardrobe!

## Announcer 2

FACT – Although they live in water, dolphins are mammals and breath air through their blowhole, which is located at the top of their head. Some types of dolphins rise to the surface to breathe every 20 to 30 seconds while others can hold their breath as long as 30 minutes. Dolphins are highly social, playful, curious and intelligent.

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**Oliver Orca** is kicking it in these digs. From head to toe, he has all the right style to cover the open ocean on and off the sea-court. His splashy outfit is comfortable, affordable, and the classic black and white will never go out of style.

## Announcer 2

FACT – Orcas, or killer whales, are the largest of the dolphins and one of the world's most powerful predators. They use echolocation to communicate and hunt, making sounds that travel underwater until they encounter objects, then bounce back, revealing their location, size, and shape.

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Our next model, **Bobby Box Jellyfish** is wearing the latest from local favorite hangout, the Twilight Zone! The variety of colors and bright luminous light in the design simply *cannot* be touched! What can we say? Some things just speak to you, don't they?

## Announcer 2

FACT – Don't touch is right! Jellyfish have soft bodies and long, stinging, poisonous tentacles they use to catch fish. Their venom is among the most deadly in the world. Box jellies are highly advanced among jellyfish. They have the ability to move rather than just drift, jetting at up to four knots through the water. Watch him make waves across this stage!



## **Announcer 1**



Who has a mouth but no head? Who has feet attached to his arms! Please welcome, from the bottom of the Ocean, **Daniel Deep-sea Sea Star!** sporting a vibrant blue outfit with lots of pizzazz.

## **Announcer 2**

FACT – There are nearly 2000 kinds of sea stars living on ocean bottoms all around the world. Sea stars are found in waters both cold and warm, shallow and deep. Many people call them starfish, but they aren't really fish. Did you know - If a sea star loses an arm, another one will grow in its place! Wouldn't that be a great outfit to own!

## **FINALE**

### **Announcer 1**

And now I'd like to call all of our wonderful Make Waves models to join us back on stage. Let's give them a warm round of applause.

**Models** [Models hold hands together in the air, take a bow, swim off stage one at a time.]

### **Announcer 2**

We would like to thank...models, artists, sponsors, etc. We invite you to .....



# Fashion Show Instructions

## **Costumes**

Make costumes with a variety of pictures (printed out computer graphics on 11x17 paper backed with tagboard, possibly decorated with streamers) or large hand-painted pictures on cardboard or foam core board. Another idea would be to have children dress in all blue and have them wear sea creature hats. Another idea would be to make 3D sea creatures with recycled materials. Create "costumes" yourself or have tweens or teens create them as part of program. Have the teens take a big part in producing the fashion show, perhaps being announcers, working back scenes to help children know when to go on the runway, taking "tickets" at the door, etc.

## **Books to Display**

Books with great illustrations of the sea creatures in the fashion show, or *What Lives in the Ocean?* By Oona Gaarder-Juntti and Planet Earth *Oceans: Discover Life Beneath the Waves* by Steve Parker

## **Web Sources**

Google Images for pictures of animals you want to use.

Type in the name of the animal and the words "facts for kids" to get some interesting sites.

Dolphin <http://www.dolphinkind.com/>

Orca <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/killer-whale.html>

- Determine how many models will participate (Ocean's 12 or Ocean's 15, etc) and whether they will model one sea creature each or more than one. If they will model more than one creature each, make sure you allow enough time for them to change their outfit backstage before they have to come back on again.
- Record each model's name, unless you decide to use fake names such as in the Ocean script above. However, you might want to find a way to acknowledge the real names of all the models, perhaps at the end of the show when you invite them all back onstage. In that case, you will have to know all their names.
- Prepare a witty description of each sea creature that will be in the fashion show or use the suggestions above.
- The word count for each model's description should be similar. In the script above, the word count varies between 84 and 106 words. Test whether you have written too little or too much by taking a walk the runway yourself at a leisurely stroll and have someone read your first description out loud.
- Decide on background music. Keep things simple, even if you have someone to run the sound system. The music could relate to the theme of the show. It should be played softly enough in the background so as not to drown you out. You can also play music before and after the fashion show.
- Write an opening statement that supports the theme of the show. Perhaps an interesting quote or a theme related poem. When closing, thank the audience, the models, the designers, sponsors, etc. Then let everyone know what's next, where to go for snacks, check out books, join the reading program, etc.



### A Few Notes

- Write the script for Announcers 1 & 2 on index cards rather than 8-1/2 x 11 paper. The cards will be easier to handle. You can put the models in whatever order you prefer rather than sticking to the order of the script above. This will enable you to have younger children in between older children.
- Number the cards, just in case you happen to drop them.
- Always have extra "patter" in your script for delays that will most likely occur. It's better to have too much to say rather than standing at the podium with nothing to say while you wait for the next model to come down the runway.
- Have Announcers 1 & 2 practice reading their cards out loud several times before the show so you can help them with pronunciations of any new words.



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