

FOR GROWNUPS

Manatee Activity Pack

Sing a sea song. Notice a shape. Make a watery world.

WHO IT IS FOR**Suggested ages 3-7 | About 15-25 minutes | With a grownup**

Time is for the paper activities. Try one page or go at your own pace.

Our little learning goal

Notice body shapes, compare simple shapes, and draw a home for a manatee.

Gather your supplies

Paper, crayons or colored pencils, and a curious grownup. No scissors needed.

Try it in three small steps

1. Watch Can you spot the Manatee? using the link below.
2. Color the manatee on page 2 and talk about the shapes you see.
3. Match shapes and draw a watery home on page 3.

Manatees eat water plants. Their broad, flat tails help them swim; their front flippers help them steer. These drawings invite observation, not species identification.

Facts: Florida FWC - Manatee Facts and Information

Can you spot the Manatee?

youtube.com/watch?v=fA4Cs_IoNVc



US Letter | Black-and-white friendly | Fit to paper is fine.
Use pictures and paper; leave wild animals in their homes.

WATCH WITH A GROWNUP

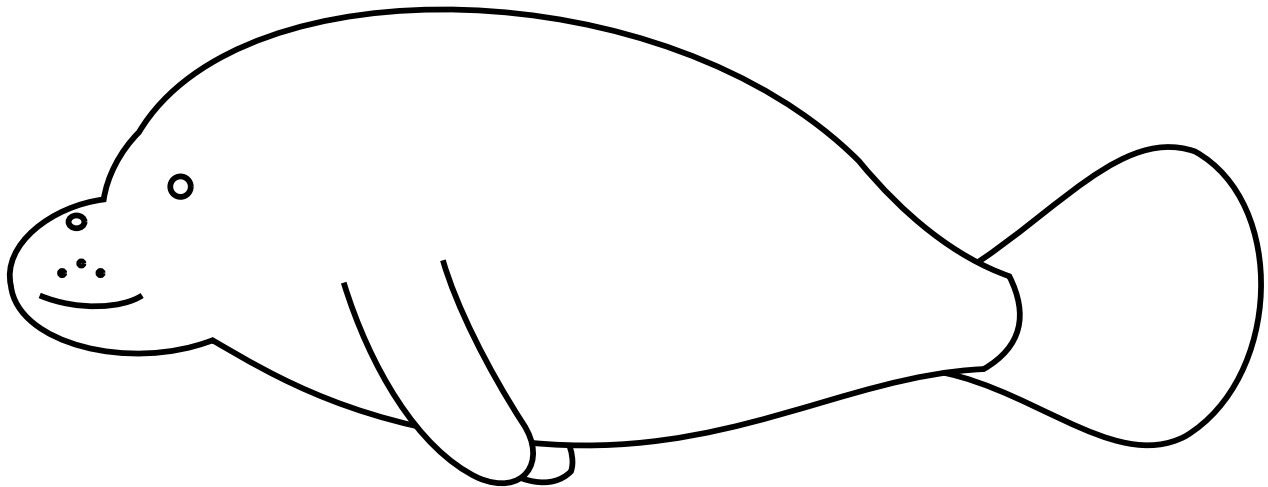
COLOR | LOOK CLOSELY | TALK

Meet a gentle swimmer

Color your manatee. Trace the outline with your finger. Which part looks long and rounded? Can you find the broad tail?

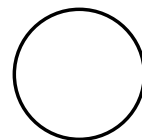
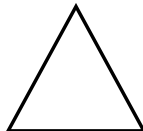
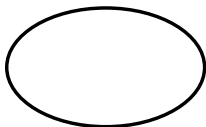
Explorer: _____

Date: _____



SHAPE SPOTTING

Find a shape that reminds you of the manatee's body. Circle it, then tell a grownup what you noticed.



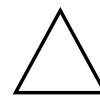
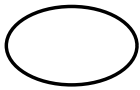
I notice _____

A drawing can use simple shapes. Real manatees have their own shapes!

MATCH | DRAW | TELL

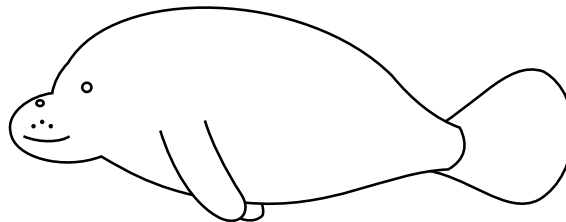
A watery home to imagine

Draw lines to match the shapes that are alike. Turn your paper if it helps.



Draw a home around this manatee.

Add water plants and room to swim. What else would you put in the scene?



Tell a grownup: What did you add? What do you wonder?

Imagine on paper. Leave real wildlife in its home.