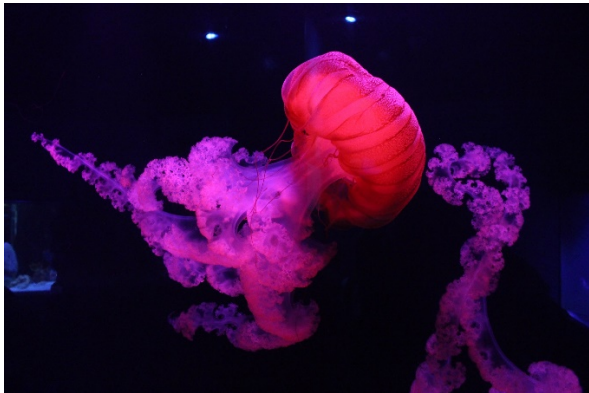


# Jellyfish

Jellyfish have been living on Earth for millions of years. They were here before the dinosaurs. Jellyfish have their name because of their **jelly-like** look. Some jellyfish are clear and **colourless**, but others are **vibrant** pinks, yellows, blues or purples.



Jellyfish have no brain, no heart, no bones and no eyes. They do have a mouth which is **located** at the centre of their body. Jellyfish mouths do lots of jobs. They use their mouths for eating but they also use their mouths for . . . getting rid of **waste**!

The jellyfish mouth is also handy for **propelling** through the water quickly. When a jellyfish squirts a jet of water from its mouth, it takes off with a **thrust**!



Jellyfish can be **miniscule** or huge. A jellyfish body is a bit like a plastic bag with **tentacles**. The tentacles can be dangerous. They are **armed** with tiny, stinging parts, called **cells**. Jellyfish sometimes sting people. When this happens, it is an accident. It happens when people and jellyfish **brush against** each other in the water.

Jellyfish **consume** fish, shrimp, crabs and small plants. They also make a tasty meal for other sea creatures. Sea turtles and some humans enjoy eating jellyfish.

