

Focus & Distraction Investigation Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Using a timer or stopwatch, read the passages below and answer the questions.

First complete passage #1 with distractions, then read passage #2 without distractions.

Passage #1

Octopuses are known for their intelligence and problem-solving abilities. They can open jars, escape enclosures, and even use tools. Unlike many animals, octopuses have a decentralized nervous system, meaning much of their processing happens in their arms rather than in a central brain. Each arm can act somewhat independently, allowing the octopus to explore and respond to its environment in complex ways.

Audio version:

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Questions (answer these without referring to the passage):

1. What makes octopuses unusual compared to many other animals?
2. What is one problem-solving ability mentioned in the passage?
3. Where does much of an octopus's processing occur?
4. What does it mean that their arms act independently?

