

## What to do today

*IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.*

*Where a word has more than one meaning, emphasise the importance of the context in which the word is present – which meaning fits the sentence/paragraph/text?*

*Be present when your child reads; encourage them to use their phonic knowledge to decode tricky words where possible, or to chunk words. Another strategy is to read on to the end of the sentence ... what word would fit in at the point of the tricky word? Does the word you thought of have the phonemes that could be represented by the graphemes in the tricky word?*

## Vocabulary check

- Reservation**
1. something that keeps one from completely accepting or believing something; doubt.
  2. an arrangement to have something saved for a particular person, such as a seat on a plane, a hotel room, or a table in a restaurant.
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### 1. It's reading time!

Listen to *The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau* by Dan Yaccarino at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkYRFgyGqiA&t=26s>

- Compare the book to *Manfish*\*. How is it the same as *Manfish*? Can you think of one way that it is different?

### 2. Reading a book review

Read the *Book Review* of *The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau*.

- Use the *Checklist of Book Review Features* to establish that the review contains all of the key features of a useful book review.

### 3. Let's get ready for writing

On a page entitled *Book Review*, write a book review of *Manfish* by Jennifer Berne.

- As you write, use the *Checklist* to confirm that you have included all the features needed for a successful book review.

- Finish by giving *Manfish* a 'star rating' out of 5.

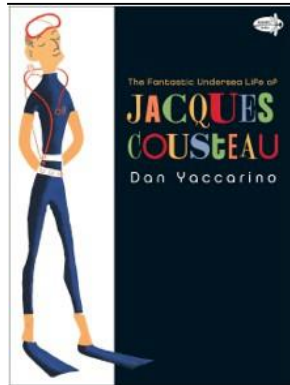
### **Now try these Fun-Time Extras**

- Of all of Jacques Cousteau's gadgets and equipment, which do you think was the coolest? Why do you think that? Draw your choice and write about it on a page entitled *Jacques Cousteau's Gadgets and Equipment*.
- Write reviews of your favourite books, DVDs and TV programmes. Why not send your reviews to some of your family and friends?

*\*If you haven't already read this, you need to watch it here:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGi2BkgPfDc&t=499s%2C>

## A checklist of the features of a good book review



This is a review of *The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau*, written by Dan Yaccarino.

It is all about the life of the undersea explorer, Jacques Cousteau.

The book gives you lots of fascinating information about Jacques Cousteau's life, right from when he was a little boy growing up in France to when he was world famous for inventing the Sea Saucer and the Sea Flea.

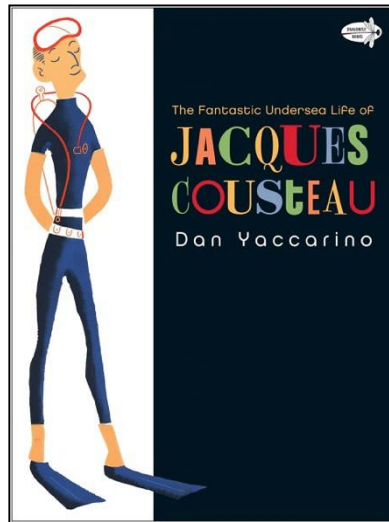
The pictures are bright and cheerful and the writing makes Jacques Cousteau's life seem exciting and full of adventure. I learnt that Jacques Cousteau was the man who invented the aqualung!

My only reservation is that the book was quite short. I wish it had been longer so I could have discovered more about Jacques and his discoveries.

I think anyone who likes swimming and sea creatures would love this book. It would also appeal to anyone who likes making drawings of sea plants and animals.

My star rating: \*\*\*\*\*

## Book Review



A good book review...

- ❖ gives the **name of the book and of its author**
- ❖ says what the **book is basically about**
- ❖ talks about some of the different **things that are really good** about the book
- ❖ may explain **something that is not quite so good** about the book
- ❖ suggests the kind of **people who would really love** the book
- ❖ gives the book a **star rating**

## A checklist of the features of a good book review



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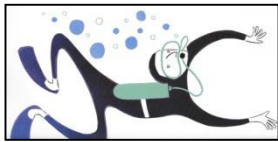
## Book Review



goggles



diving suit



wet suit



aqualung



flippers



waterproof cameras



underwater lights

# Jacques Cousteau's Gadgets and Equipment

A writing area featuring a decorative border of colorful interlocking puzzle pieces in shades of blue, yellow, red, and grey. The interior of the box is divided into eight horizontal lines for writing.