Tingly tentacles

Corals, anemones, and sea jellies are in a group of animals called Cnidarians (pronounced nigh-dare-ee-ans). The name comes from the Greek word 'cnidos', meaning stinging nettle. A key feature of these animals is the presence of 'nematocysts' or stinging cells, found mainly in the tentacles.

Cnidarians have a relatively basic body form consisting of a cup-shaped body with tentacles, a central mouth that also functions as the anus, which leads into the stomach. They all display radial symmetry, which means that their body parts extend outward from the centre.

Cnidarians are divided into four groups (or classes):

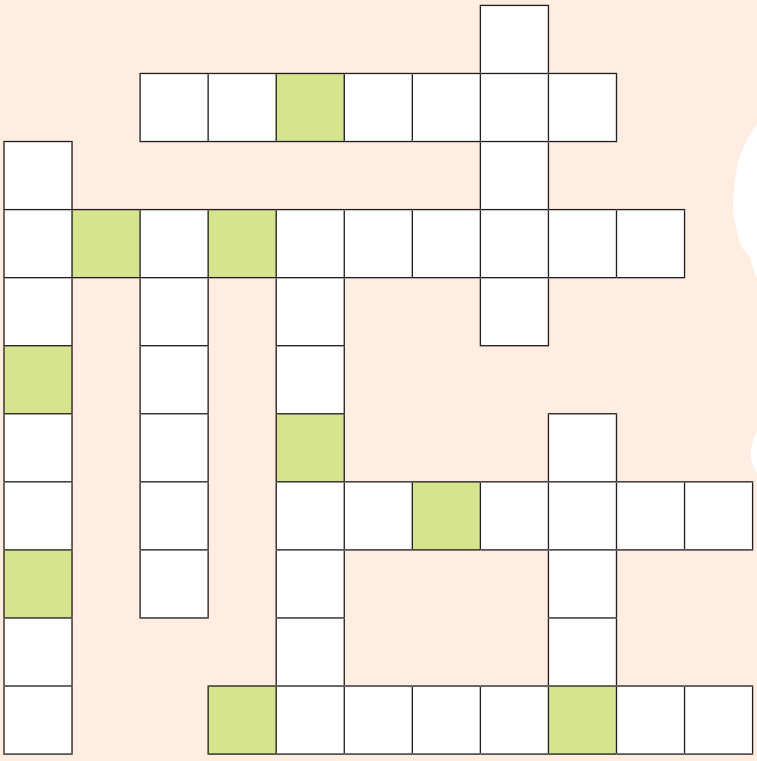
Hydrozoans (meaning water animals) – blue bottles and hydroids;

Anthozoans (meaning flower animals) – anemones and corals;

Scyphozoans (meaning bowl animals) – sea jellies; and

Cubozoans (meaning cube animals) – box jellies.

Complete the word-fill below using these nine (9) words:



5 letters
Coral
Polyp

6 letters
Medusa

7 letters
Anemone
Hydriod

8 letters
Sea jelly
Tentacle

9 letters
Cnidarian

10 letters
Nematocyst

Rearrange the letters in the shaded boxes to find the missing word.

Many sea jellies, corals and Portuguese man o' war (or blue bottles) can produce a nasty sting to humans, but the box jelly is one of the __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ animals in the world!

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