

## National Geographic Kids Reader: Weird Sea Creatures

### Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before your child shares this book with you, look at the front cover and discuss what is special about this creature. Discuss any prior knowledge your child has about weird creatures – either from the sea or elsewhere.
- Look through the images together and read the names of the creatures. Talk about any that are familiar, or that your child is particularly interested in.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read more complex information books:
  - Help children read weird creature names and any new strange words, e.g. *bioluminescence*, *submersible*. Talk about the words and their meanings.
  - Show your interest in the information and facts that your child reads.
  - Encourage them to talk about what they have read, answering simple questions that you ask them at the end of small sections.
  - Challenge children to ask you questions based on their reading.
  - Challenge them to find specific words or sections of information using skimming and scanning, and organisational features like the table of contents.
  - Encourage them to use the pictures to develop their understanding.
  - Give them lots of praise and encouragement as they tackle tricky words.
- Discuss which is the most amazing weird creature and why.

**Pronunciation guide:** bioluminescence (*bio-loo-min-essence*), anemone (*a-nem-on-ee*)