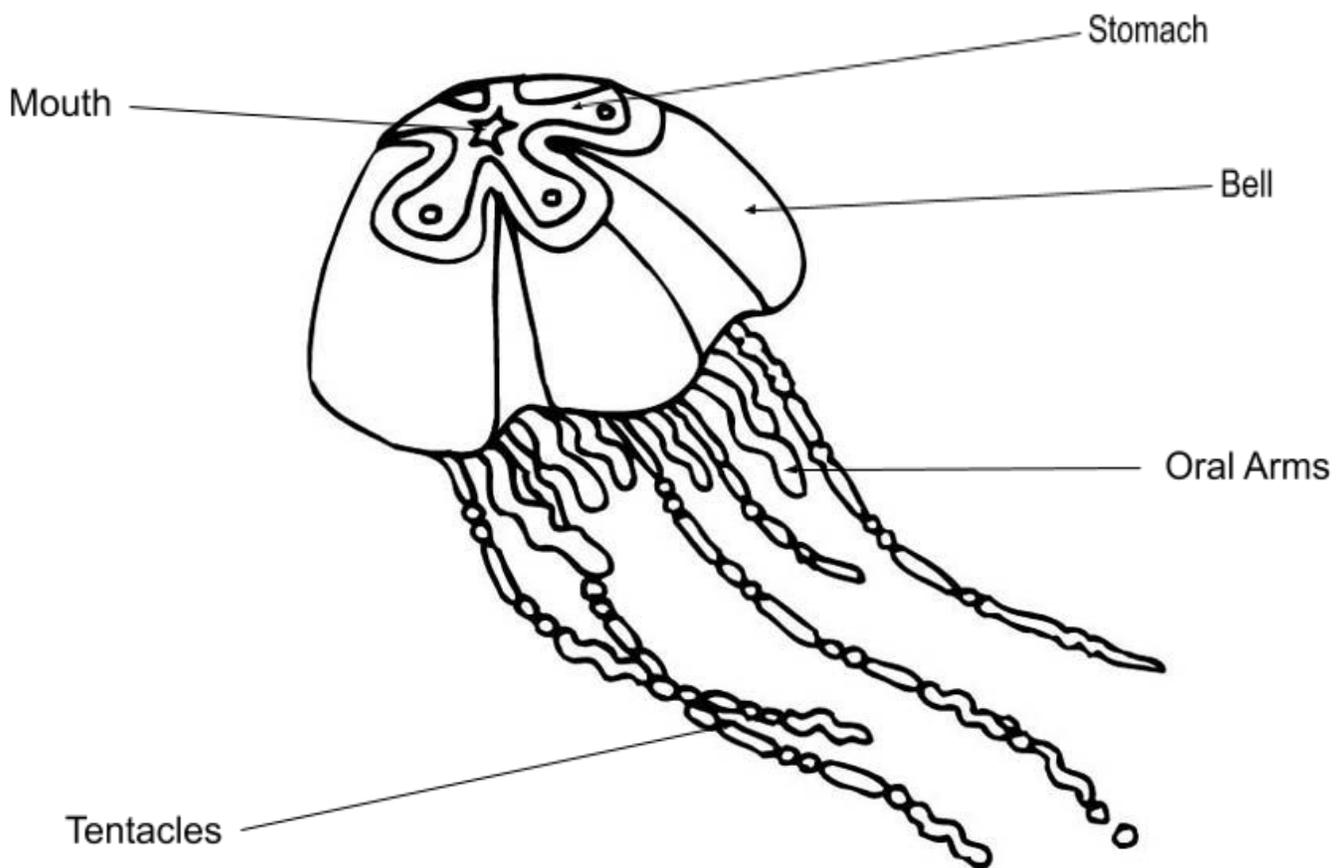


## Sea Jellies

Sea jellies, also known as jellyfish, are a type of invertebrate known for their umbrella-shaped top, called a bell, and tentacles that trail behind them. Their bell looks like it is filled with a jelly-like substance, which is how they got their name. By moving their bell up and down (called undulation), they are able to travel up and down the water column because they are not strong enough to swim against an ocean current. Sea jellies come in all shapes and sizes; some can be the size of your pinky fingernail, while others have tentacles 100 feet long! Sea jellies belong to a group of animals called Cnidarians (the 'C' is silent.) Instead of having teeth, these animals use stinging cells from their tentacles to capture food. After their food is captured, they use oral arms to pass their food to their mouth and stomach.

**Directions:** Color the sea jelly below while learning their body parts:





## Sea Jelly Coffee Filter Craft

### Materials:

- Coffee filter
- Small paper cup or cupcake baking cup
- Markers
- Tissue paper/ribbon/yarn
- Thread/string (or dental floss as a substitute)
- Clear tape or glue

### Instructions:

- Color and decorate the coffee filter (watch the colors blend together!)
- Let coffee filter dry for a approximately 5-10 minutes
- Thread string through the base of the paper cup so that it hangs upside down; continue to thread string through the base of the coffee filter so that it hangs upside down over the cup (the cup should not be visible now.)
- Cut long thin pieces of tissue paper, ribbon, and/or yarn; using the tape or glue stick, attach to the base of the cup and around the edge of the coffee filter for the tentacles and oral arms.
- Hang from the ceiling or wall and enjoy your coffee filter sea jelly!

