The Sea Life Centre

Sea Life Centres are a chain of commercial sea-life themed attractions. They’ve been around for just over 30 years and at the end of 2013, there was 51 centres located around the world, with another 2 or 3 under construction. Other attraction centres such as Alton Towers and Chessington also include a Sea Life aquarium, and these centres are very popular. In some locations, you can even get involved in the conservation work.

Sea Life Centres are one of Europe’s most popular wildlife attractions. They’ve become this popular by turning them into places where you can get to know and understand the marine environment and interact with marine wildlife like never before. Instead of having just a normal building that you walk around and see fish in tanks, there are tunnels that go through enormous tanks that contain things such as sharks. This means that you’re face to face with some extraordinary marine species, so you’re not likely to forget the experience.

Sea Life Centres are actively involved in conservation, research and rescue projects and they also raise awareness of the importance of safeguarding the seas and their inhabitants.

There are many films that involve the sea and marine animals as a main theme, such as:

- Deep Blue Sea (1999)
- Titanic (1997)
- Jaws (1975)
- The Little Mermaid (1989)
- Pirates of the Caribbean (2003)
- Aquamarine (2006)
- Free Willy (1993)
- Shark Tale (2004)

A lot of these films are for children, and the children’s ones involve the idea that sharks are always evil. This means that if we involve sharks in our piece, we have to make sure that they’re bad sharks, as a good shark doesn’t fit with the stereotype children have of them.
Most of these films also portray the sea as mysterious and an adventure, so we’ll have to portray the sea in this way too.

There’s also a lot of songs that include the sea, for example:

- Under the Sea - The Little Mermaid
- Yellow Submarine - The Beatles
- La Mer - Charles Trenet
- The Ocean - Led Zeppelin