

I am going to
an aquarium.



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An aquarium is a place where I can see different types of fish, aquatic animals and plants.
When I visit an aquarium, I can learn about creatures and plants that live in the water.



When I get to the aquarium, I stay with the group I am with and never run through the parking lot.

I always to stay with the adults that I know.

I always pay attention to the cars, signs, and people around me.



Some aquariums are small. Others are large and have a lot of exhibits to see.

Before I visit the aquarium, I can look on the aquarium's website to see which exhibits I would like to see the most.



I wait in line until it is my turn to go into the aquarium. There may be a crowd and it may be hard for me to wait. I stay with the group I am with and can talk with them until it is our turn to go in.

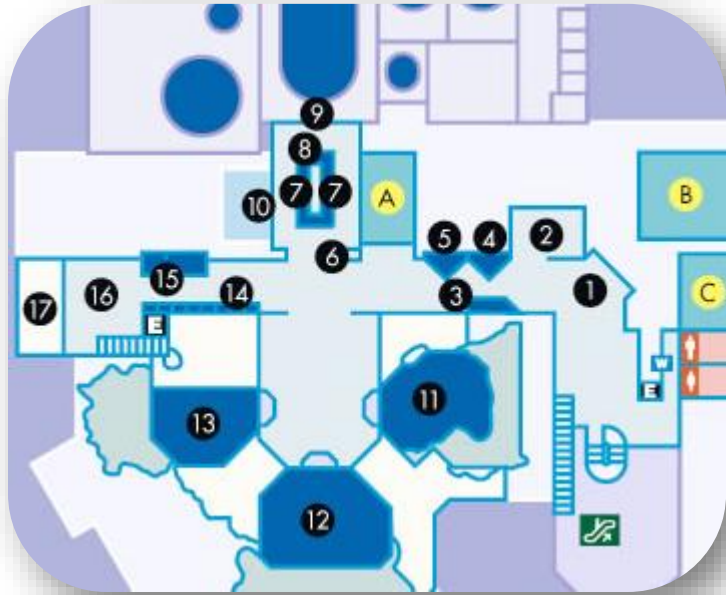
When it is my turn, I give my ticket to the person who works for the aquarium. Then, I walk inside along with those I am with.



Each aquarium has different rules. I look for signs to tell me what I can and cannot do in different parts of the aquarium.

Some signs may say not to take photographs or videos. Other signs may say eating is not allowed in the area. I must listen to the rules posted in the aquarium.

I also listen to instructions given by people who work in the aquarium.



I can look at a display map of the aquarium to find out how to get where I want to go.

Some aquariums have an information booth. The person behind the desk can help me find the places I want to go.

I can also ask a person who works in the aquarium how to get to the exhibits I am interested in seeing.

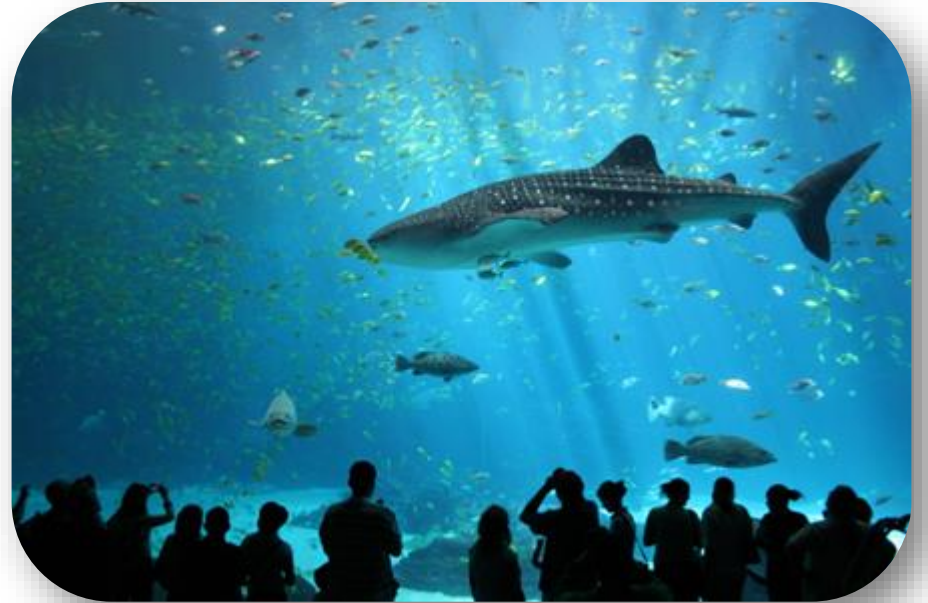


**Please Don't Tap on the Glass.
It Disturbs the Animals.**

Some exhibits have glass around the fish and plant life.

I can look through the glass with my eyes.

I do not tap or bang on the glass.



Some exhibits in an aquarium are in dark areas. It is safe for me to look at the exhibit in the dark.

If I am uncomfortable in the dark, I can ask someone to take me to another exhibit area.



Sometimes explanations about an exhibit are on loudspeakers.

I can listen to the information and learn more about what is in the exhibit. I should not speak loud because others would like to listen to the information being presented.

If I do not want to listen, I can cover my ears or ask to go to another exhibit.



In certain exhibits, the aquarium staff will let me touch the water and sea life. I should only touch them after I get permission.

The water may be cold. I don't splash the water.

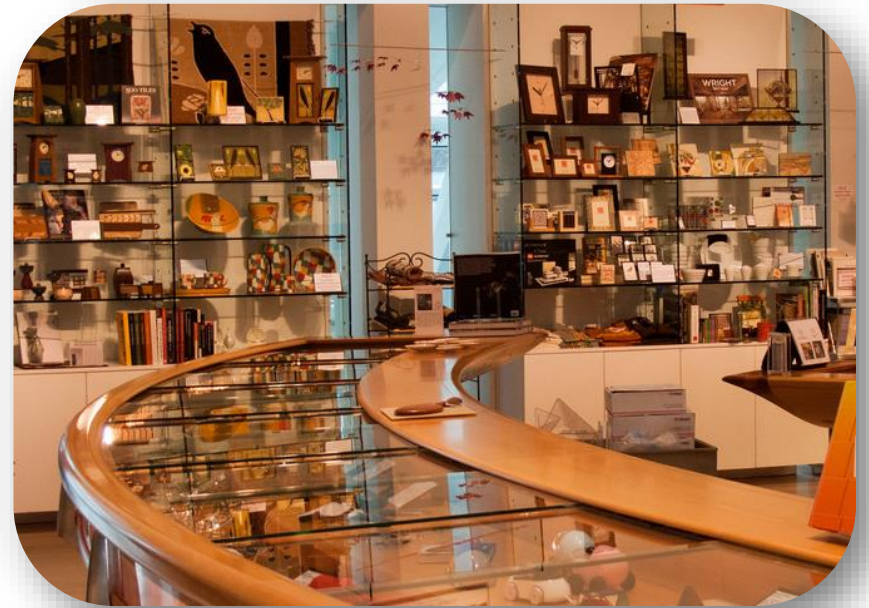
I am always gentle with the plants and animals. I listen to all instructions from people who work at the aquarium.

I never climb into the water in an aquarium exhibit.



If there is an exhibit I don't want to see, I can ask to stay in another area with a person I know.

If an exhibit I want to see is closed or crowded with people, I don't have to get upset. I can wait or return to the aquarium another time to see it.



Some aquariums have gift shops where I can buy things I like.

I always ask permission of my parent or a responsible adult that I know before I go into the store or touch anything inside the store.

If there is something that I want to buy, I should ask the adult I am with first.



When it is time to leave the aquarium, I thank the people who work at there before I leave.



Let's get to know each other !

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