

# FINDING NEMO

## FILM OVERVIEW

**Directors:** Andrew Stanton and Lee Unkrich.

**Screenwriter:** Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson and David Reynolds, based on an argument of Andrew Stanton.

**Production:** Graham Walters.

**Mounting:** David Ian Salter.

**Music:** Thomas Newman.

**Country:** USA.

**Year:** 2003.

**Length:** 100 min.

**Genre:** Animation.

**Personality:** Nemo, Marlin, Dory, Gill, Bloat, Peach, Gurgl, Bubbles, Nigel, Crush, Coral, Chum, Pearl, Bruce.



## SYNOPSIS

The film tells the story of the incredible long journey in which two fish (Marlin and his son Nemo) are forced to separate from each other in the Great Coral Reef, as Nemo is captured by a diver. The poor fish ends up in a fish tank at a dentist's surgery from where he can see Sydney Harbour.

Marlin starts a dangerous trip together with Dory, a friendly but absentminded fish, who lacks short term memory and who will help him find his son.

The cautious dad finally becomes a hero of a true epic story which aims to rescue his son. On the other hand, Nemo has devised a crazy plan to go back home safe and sound.

## FILM DIRECTORS

**Andrew Stanton** was one of the four scriptwriters who were nominated for the Oscars in 1996 for *Toy story*. He continued his successful career in films for Pixar: *A Bug's Life*, *Toy story 2*, *Monsters Inc.* and *Finding Nemo*. He also joined in as a co director in the 1998 Disney/Pixar film *A Bug's Life* and was the executive producer in *Monsters Inc.*, which was a box office success and was nominated for the Oscars in 2001.

**Lee Unkrich** (co director) made his debut as a co director in 1999 with the Disney/Pixar film *Toy Story 2*, which won a Golden Globe. After this he co directed *Monsters, Inc.* Before these feature films, he cooperated with Lasseter as a film editor in *Toy Story* and *A Bug's Life*. Earlier than 1994, when he joined Pixar, Unkrich worked for many years as a director and film editor for television. In 1991, he graduated at the Cinema College, University of South Carolina, where he created various shorts winning several prizes. He co directed the film *Cars* in 2005.

# BEFORE WATCHING THE FILM

**Finding Nemo** is a three dimension cartoon film made by computers. You think that they can do everything just with computers. You are mistaken, the filming team had to work hard, all the collaborators had to learn scuba diving, study fish movements, watch the currents and the reflected light under water,...

## Interesting topics

### 1. Fatherly love. Father-son relationship.

Marlin has lost all of his family except for Nemo, his only son, whom he will protect, take care of and educate.

Marlin is completely devoted to him, he offers his son all his love generous and disinterestedly but he doesn't always get the same in return. Nemo is selfish and doesn't understand his father's worries or how important he is to his dad. The fatherly love is respectful and sincere, he accepts his son the way he is.

On the other hand, Nemo doesn't pay any attention to his dad, all he thinks about is his eagerness for adventure, he even responds to his dad's worries by saying "I hate you". Nevertheless, Marlin is ready to do anything for his son.

### 2. The value of friendship.

- **Marlin and Dori:** Marlin meets Dory on his way, a very cheerful and absentminded blue surgeonfish. He offers disinterestedly to help him look for Nemo. From that moment they become inseparable and very good friends.

- **Nemo and fish in the fish tank:** Nemo has ended up in a fish tank at a dentist's surgery with a view to Sidney Harbour, he is very sad and afraid of everything, now he's a prisoner in a glass jail.

This prison is the home of a variety of characters. The leader is **Gill**, a moorish idol fish. His other fish tank mates are: **Peach**, a starfish; **Bloat**, a temperamental globe-fish; **Bubbles**, a fairy basslet fish obsessed with bubbles; a gramma loreto fish called **Gurgle**; **Jacques**, a shrimp obsessed with cleanliness; and **Deb** a humbug damselfish who thinks her reflection in the glass is her twin sister **Flo**.

Nemo is officially accepted in the group and manages to bring back Gill's desire to escape. Although before this, Gill will teach Nemo a lesson he will never forget, he forces him to solve his problems by himself, without his dad's help. This way he will begin to mature.



### 3. Physical handicaps.

**Nemo** is physically disabled as he's missing a fin. But this is not an impediment to be like the rest of the fish and to be loved just the same.

### 4. Man as a predator.

**Bruce** is a great white shark, an instinctively predator that hunts to eat other animals but is trying to give it up. When he catches **Marlin** and **Dory** he takes them before **Anchor**, a hammerhead shark and **Chum**, a shortfin mako shark, in order for them to become friends, "fish are not food they are friends".

However, man is a great predator, and not instinctively, but for pleasure or business. **Nemo** is a victim of this human condition and is deprived of his freedom to decorate a doctor's fish tank.

## ARE YOU A GOOD OBSERVER?

Watch out for the colours under the sea and the sea animals. Don't forget their names.

Do you like the sea?

Have you ever been scuba diving?

This is your opportunity to watch the bottom of the sea and the sea animals that live there, but be careful, some of them are very dangerous, put on your neoprene suit, your goggles and your oxygen tank full of joy.

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1. What do you think of having animals in captivity, fish in fish tanks, lions in cages...?

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2. Now that you are young, do you think you always have to do what your parents tell you?

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3. How many sea animals do you know? Write them down.



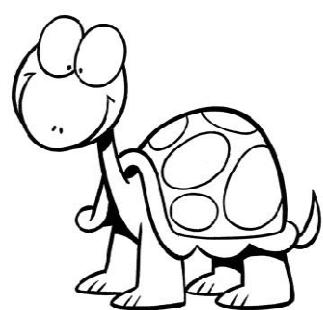
# ACTIVITIES AFTER THE FILM

## Lets travel to the underwater world

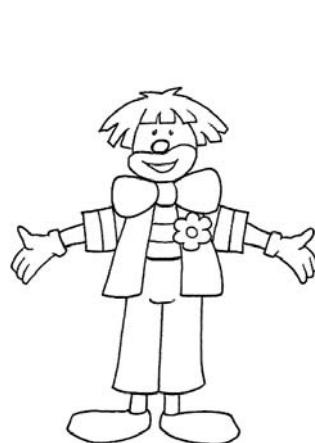
1. Who is Nemo?



A shark



A turtle



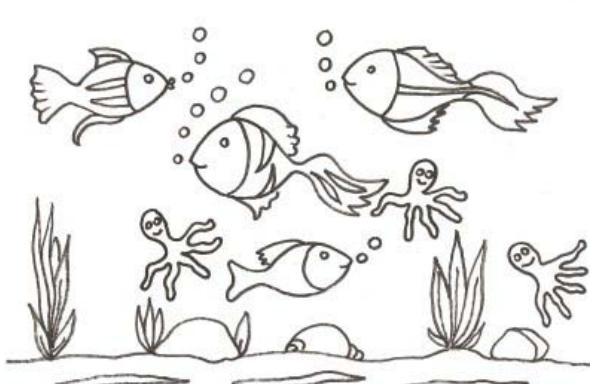
A clown + A fish

Colour the three pictures.

2. Where does this film take place?



In a house



In the sea



In the sky

Colour the three pictures.

How many fish are there in the second picture?

How many octopus?

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3. Nemo's dad is always protecting him, do you remember his name?

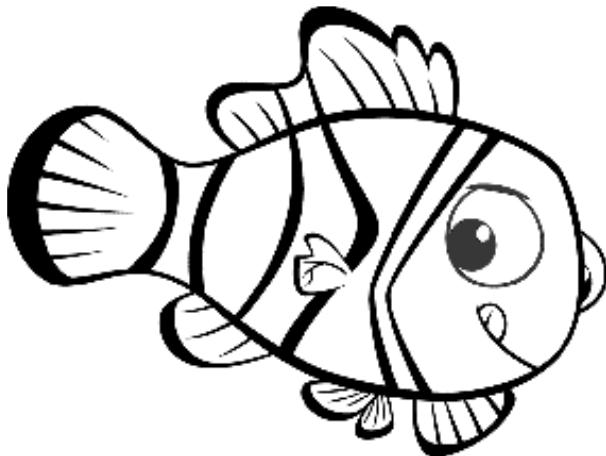
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4. What colours are Nemo and Marlin?

- Red and green
- Orange and white
- Blue and yellow

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5. If you have answered the previous question you won't have any problems to colour Nemo.



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7. In the film, the bottom of the sea had lots of colours and there were many different coloured fish, do you remember any of them?

DISORDERED COLOUR	COLOUR IN ORDER
ORNAEG	
GERNE	GREEN
YLELOD	
BLEU	
BLCKA	

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8. Nemo has a problem swimming, do you remember what it is?

- He is lazy
- He's got a small fin
- He's very fast

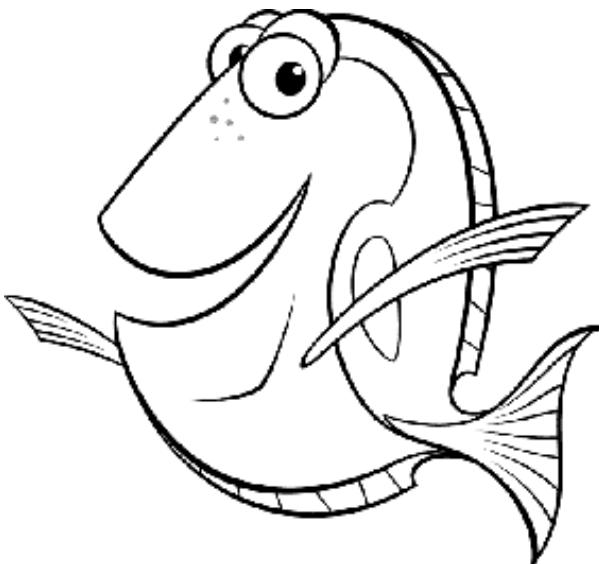
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9. A new character appears called Dory, who is very funny, what colour is he?

- Blue and green
- Blue and yellow
- Red and black



**10.** If you know the answer it will be easy to colour.



**11.** The shark... oh! how scary! How many were there in the sunken boat?

- Five
- Three
- Two

**12.** Poor Nemo, some humans have captured him, where are they taking him?

- A fish tank
- A farm
- A school

**13.** We have seen many types of sea animals, do you remember their names?

CHARACTER	TYPE OF ANIMAL
Nemo	
Brus	
Crash	
Marlin	

*turtle, clownfish, white shark*

**14.** When Dory is trapped by the jellyfish, what does Marlin do?

- He rescues him
- He goes to look for Nemo
- He laughs

**15.** At the end they fly away in a birds beak, what's its name?

- Swallow
- Pelican
- Seagull

**16.** Make a list of ten new words you have learnt.

