

OCTOPUS

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"The magician of the sea
Hahahaha, that's me!
I disappear, snap... just like that
Into the dark crevices of a tiny crack.

And SPLOOSH I spray my jet black ink
And disappear! Cool trick, don't you think?
I can fit into the tiniest hole
To the size of my own eye my body can mould
And slip away to a safe place
My soft invertebrate body full of grace.
My eight arms are always ready to grab
A crustalicious snack of unsuspecting crab!

Scientists say I am very clever
Abracadabra, that's me forever.
Let me weave my magic spell
Around your hearts with the ocean's swell...
My changing colours hypnotise all boys and girls
To explore the rock pools and seashore thrills."

ENDEMIC means found in only one area in the whole wide world!

BRUSH-TIPPED OCTOPUS

Found only on the west coast of South Africa. It is **bright red in colour** and has one row of suckers per arm. In South Africa we have seven other types of octopus that all have two rows of suckers on each arm.

JOIN THE DOTS on the picture to give the octopus eight arms

What does an octopus eat? _____

What does endemic mean? _____
