# Ready in a few minutes

A practical guide for families and teachers

Print adventure pages 1-12, plus optional lyrics page 13. Add pencils or crayons and a clear movement space. No book purchase, cutting or special equipment is needed. Share copies freely for home and classroom use; please retain the credits. Optional music needs a device and internet.

## Choose your adventure length

| Activity | Pages | 30 min | 60 min |
|---|---|---|---|
| Welcome + real mudskipper | 1-3 | 5 | 8 |
| Search + match | 4-5 | 5 | 10 |
| Dance + invent a move | 6-7 | 5 | 10 |
| Oceanese + partner game | 8-9 | 5 | 10 |
| Maze + counting + draw a friend | 10-11 | 8 | 17 |
| Certificate + share a discovery | 12 | 2 | 5 |

## Include everyone

Ages 4-5: read aloud, point, model one step at a time and scribe ideas. Ages 6-8: invite labels, explanations and an extra clue. Accept spoken, signed, drawn or aided communication. Children can use seated movements or simply watch. Do not require stillness, jumping or physical contact.

## Little friends. Big care.

Through fun stories, music and play, Raffy's Ocean Friends helps children discover the wonders of nature, care for our ocean and planet, and treat one another with kindness and respect.
**Our ocean. Our planet. Our friends.** Let's look after them together.

# Answers and little teaching tips

Keep this sheet nearby; children do not need it to begin.

**Page 1:** introduce each friend using the named portraits before the search. No book knowledge is needed.

**Pages 2-3:** both pictures show raised eyes and fins; Raffy has exaggerated eyes and a human-like smile. Moisture is essential to the breathing explanation. Never test this by removing a fish from water.

**Page 4:** Clancy upper left; snails upper right; Raffy centre; Murray centre right; little blue crab below Murray; Barry lower left; Willa lower right; Keely bottom left; Tia lower centre. Two crabs and two snails. Keely is a fish, too.

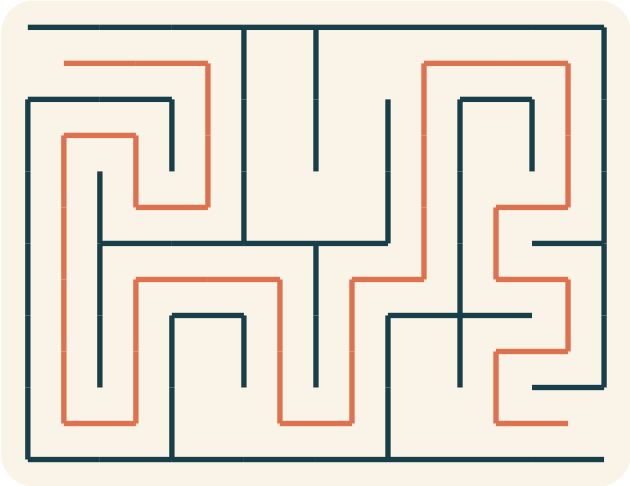
**Page 5:** 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A.

**Pages 6-9:** model gently; the aim is joining in, not precision. Oceanese: Hello = wave; Friend = chest then towards friend; Thank You = small bow; Stop = one X. Keep the invented greeting separate. Page 7 now quotes the chorus; the skip-and-hop words are the later bridge. Page 13 follows the saved full-song lyrics and caption order.

**Page 10:** 2 crabs + 3 fish = 5 animals; 1 more fish than crabs.

**Page 11:** any imaginative answer is welcome. Ask whether the ability is real or imagined and what it helps the creature do.

## Maze solution



The maze has a single route between its entrance and exit. Let younger explorers use a finger first.

# Sources, credits and next steps

For adults who want to discover more

**Real mudskipper photograph**
Petr Kratochvil, "Mudskipper", PublicDomainPictures.net. Listed as CC0 public domain; checked 9 October 2026. Scaled without cropping. No exact species or locality claim is made. This photo was not uploaded to ImageGen.

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**Nature checks**
Mudskipper movement and moisture: Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre, Queensland Department of Education, "Mudskipper" fact sheet. We use its movement and moist-skin facts, not its generalised size/diet claims.

Read the mudskipper fact sheet
Queensland Government: mangrove habitats

Australian Museum: seahorses | Queensland Museum: turtles
Australian Museum: Laughing Kookaburra

**Illustration, dance and Oceanese**
Raffy's Ocean Friends characters and story world by James Shang. Existing approved project illustrations plus a new AI-generated mangrove scene. Illustrations are fictional, not field-identification photographs. Dance cues follow the existing full "Mud is good!" song; seated choices are offered alongside them. Oceanese follows the published project vocabulary of 8 October 2026.

Music video and free activities
Explore Oceanese

## Keep discovering

Ask a child to teach a friend one gesture, revisit the picture with a new clue, or find another real animal with a surprising ability. Read more Raffy adventures together at raffysoceanfriends.com.

Prepared 9 October 2026. Free printable edition for home and classroom use. Learning opportunities: close observation, comparison, counting, problem-solving, expressive movement and communication. No formal curriculum endorsement is claimed.