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# Porcupinefish

The porcupinefish can “puff up” like a \_\_\_\_\_! When an enemy scares the porcupinefish, it fills its stomach with \_\_\_\_\_. Then, the fish’s body puffs up and sharp \_\_\_\_\_ stick out of it. An enemy changes its mind about eating this fish!

The fish can \_\_\_\_\_ up to about two times its normal size.

Unlike most fish, the porcupinefish can blink and close its \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is about to become dinner for the porcupinefish! The fish also eats sea urchins and other animals with hard shells.

The porcupinefish’s body gives off a \_\_\_\_\_ when the fish is frightened. This poison can hurt other fish and people, too.

Two large \_\_\_\_\_, on upper and one lower, stick out like a beak.



The porcupinefish looks very \_\_\_\_\_ when it is not puffed up!

Strong, sharp \_\_\_\_\_ cover the porcupinefish’s body. The spines usually lie flat against its body when the fish is calm.

### It’s a fact!

Porcupinefish are named after porcupines because the fish’s sharp spines look like stiff porcupine quills. Both animals stick their spikes out to protect themselves from enemies.

