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# Key Ideas: Manatees

**Directions:** Read the text below about butterflies. Write information you learned by reading the text or looking at the pictures.

The Florida manatee is a big animal that lives in the warm water. Some people say that it looks like a cow. They have flippers and a tail to help them swim.

Manatees only eat plants. These gentle, friendly animals can swim in the water, but they need to stick their nose out of the water to breathe. That is because the manatee is a mammal.

The large mammals are endangered. That means that there are not many manatees left on Earth. Manatees only get hurt by boat propellers. Many people are working hard to save the manatee from extinction.



1. Where do manatees live?

2. What do manatees eat?

3. What is this passage about?

4. Is a manatee a fish?

5. Why are manatees in danger?

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## Answer Key

1. In warm water.
2. plants.
3. Manatees.
4. No; they are mammals.
5. They get hurt by boat propellers and there are not many left on Earth.