

Lesson E Writing

A Read the two paragraphs about the Sea of Stars.

1. Few places are as **magical** to visit as the beaches on Vaadhoo Island in the Maldives. At night, the sea is covered with strange, bright blue lights. Many people say they look like stars. Can you think of anything more relaxing or romantic than walking along a beach at night looking at these amazing blue stars in the ocean? Come and see for yourself because seeing is believing.
2. While the famous blue stars on Vaadhoo Island may appear **magical**, there is a more scientific reason for these strange lights. They come from a special kind of very, very small plant. These plants are called Phytoplankton, and they can make light. There are billions and billions of these little plants in the Indian Ocean, and this is what causes the "blue-star effect." In the end, it's not **magic** after all, just science.

REAL LANGUAGE

Magical is the adjective form of **magic**. It means strange but special, exciting, and enjoyable.

WRITING NOTE

The topic sentence and the conclusion work together to show the main idea of the paragraph.

B Write the number of the paragraph next to the matching title. One title is not used.

- _____ a. The Sea of Stars: Not Stars at All
- _____ b. The Sea of Stars: Difficult to Find
- _____ c. The Sea of Stars: Come and See the Magic

C Complete the paragraph with the connectors in the box. Keep the meaning of the sentences the same as in paragraph 2 of **A**.

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The famous blue stars on Vaadhoo Island may appear magical, (1) _____ there is a more scientific reason for these strange lights. (2) _____, they come from a special kind of very, very small plant. These plants are called Phytoplankton, and they can make light. (3) _____ there are billions and billions of these little plants in the Indian Ocean, they cause the "blue-star effect." (4) _____, it's not magic after all, just science.