



Read the story and answer the following questions:

1. When does the reader start to realize the story is science fiction?

a. At the end, when Leon's spaceship leaves.	b. At the beginning, when they mention the fish of that planet.	c. In the middle of the story, when Lora visits the Earthmen's ship.
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2. Thalassa was mapped by the beginning of the interstellar exploration. Compared to the present point of the narrative, when was it?

a. 300 years ago.	b. 100.000.000 years ago	c. 500 years ago.
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3. When did the first expedition arrive in Thalassa?



a. 300 years ago.
b. 100.000.000 years ago
c. 500 years ago.

4. How does the narrator describe the young planet?

a. a planet with nine-tenths of water, blue sky and sea, mild weather and fertile soil.	b. a planet with nine-tenths of water, blue sky and sea, stormy weather and fertile soil.	c. a planet with nine-tenths of water, blue sky and sea, infertile soil and mild weather.
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5. How many moons does Thalassa have?

a. Two	b. Three	c. Four
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6. How long have not the Thalassians had any contact with Earth?

a. 300 years	b. 300.000 years	c. 500 years
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7. How do they refer to the mother world?

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| a. Unforgotten, mighty Earth |
| b. Dreadful, grim Earth |
| c. Dull, wearisome Earth |

8. What sort of affair do Lora and Clyde have? They are:

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| a. Friends | b. Engaged | c. Married |
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9. Who is dominant in their relationship?

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| a. None | b. Clyde | c. Lora |
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10. Why do the Earthmen land in Thalassa?

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| a. There was no fusion reaction with the free-floating hydrogen atoms. |
| b. Their meteor screen was damaged in a crash with a space body. |
| c. Their retro rockets on the side of the wings failed their flipping. |



11. How will the engineers make a new screen?

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| a. They'll freeze water into an iceberg which would serve as a shield | b. They'll use local mines' products to build up an iron panel. | c. They'll mine the island to get silicon for a large inflatable ring. |
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12. Instead of exposing the facts in a straightforward chronological order, the author uses short flashbacks to offer the reader an overall view. Click on the correct example(s) of that:

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| a. Thalassa's story of colonization was told from the point when the Magellan arrived on the planet. | b. The Magellan's story is told when Leon talks to Lora at the beach. | c. The development of the affair between Leon and Lora is revealed through Clyde's angry memories at sea. |
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