

Reading Comprehension



Passage:

The Wonders of the Ocean

The ocean covers about 70% of the Earth's surface and is home to millions of species, many of which are still undiscovered. The deep ocean is one of the most mysterious places on Earth, with creatures and environments that are unlike anything on land.

Oceans are important for the Earth's climate. The water absorbs heat from the sun and helps regulate temperatures around the world. Oceans also produce oxygen through plants like seaweed, which help keep the air clean and breathable.

Despite their importance, oceans face serious threats. Pollution, overfishing, and climate change are harming marine ecosystems. Plastic waste is particularly harmful to marine life, with animals often mistaking it for food. It is important for people to take steps to protect the ocean, such as reducing plastic use and supporting conservation efforts.

Protecting the ocean not only helps marine life, but also helps humans by ensuring we have clean water, a stable climate, and a healthy food supply from the sea.



Task 1 : Vocabulary Matching: Match the word with its correct definition.

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| 1. Ecosystem | A. The protection and careful use of natural resources. |
| 2. Pollution | B. A group of living organisms interacting with their environment. |
| 3. Conservation | C. The contamination of the environment with harmful substances. |
| 4. Marine | D. A type of animal or plant that lives in the sea. |
| 5. Species | E. A group of similar organisms capable of producing offspring. |

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Task 2: Answer the Questions

1. What percentage of the Earth's surface is covered by the ocean?

2. How do oceans help regulate the Earth's temperature?

3. What are some threats to the ocean mentioned in the passage?

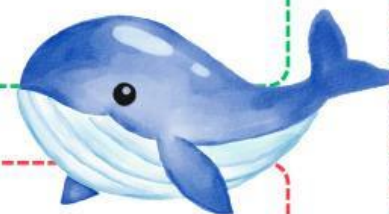
4. How does ocean pollution affect marine life?

5. Why is it important to protect the ocean?

Task 3: True or False

Read the statements below and decide if they are true or false.

1. _____ The ocean covers more than half of the Earth's surface.
2. _____ Marine ecosystems are not affected by climate change.
3. _____ Plastic waste is harmful to marine life because animals mistake it for food.
4. _____ Oceans help produce oxygen.
5. _____ Humans do not rely on oceans for food.



Task 4: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences with the correct word from the list: (pollution, species, ecosystem, conservation, plastic)

1. Overfishing and _____ are two major threats to the ocean.
2. Sea turtles mistake _____ for food, which can harm them.
3. The ocean is home to many different _____ of animals and plants.
4. We need to focus on _____ efforts to protect marine life.
5. The balance of an _____ is affected when one species is endangered.

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