

Choose the correct words.

¹ _____, scientists have many important questions and need to find the ² _____ answers for a better life ³ _____ Earth. **Therefore**, we must decide ⁴ _____ to study first. Some people want to explore outer space, **while** ⁵ _____ want to better understand the deep seas. **Personally**, I think we should focus on ⁶ _____ the oceans first.

To begin with, travelling to ⁷ _____ moon or other planets costs ⁸ _____ money. Rockets and spaceships are incredibly expensive to build and use. **What's more**, space missions can be dangerous for ⁹ _____. **By contrast**, deep-sea exploration is much cheaper ¹⁰ _____ safer. **For example**, we can use special submersible robots that cost about £1 million each, **whereas** a ¹¹ _____ rocket can cost over £100 million.

Another reason is that building a rocket takes many years. **In addition**, it ¹² _____ requires very advanced technology. **However**, underwater ¹³ _____ are generally much simpler and faster to make. **As a result**, we can ¹⁴ _____ studying marine life and the seafloor within months rather than years.

Most importantly, space exploration might not provide immediate ¹⁵ _____ for humanity. **For instance**, we probably cannot live on other planets **because** they lack both ¹⁶ _____ and water. **Additionally**, there is no evidence of alien life except in some science fiction ¹⁷ _____. **Conversely**, exploring the oceans and seas offers practical advantages. **For example**, we have already discovered new fish and algae for food and medicine. **Besides**, we have found valuable underwater energy sources **like** ¹⁸ _____ and gas. **Last but not least**, studying oceans helps us understand climate change and learn how to ¹⁹ _____ our environment.

To conclude, I believe we should ²⁰ _____ more time, energy, and money into exploring the depths of ²¹ _____ own planet **rather than** distant space. **Overall**, underwater exploration is cheaper, safer, easier, and more useful for our daily ²² _____.