

Oceans

Reading Comprehension

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The ocean is an amazing part of our planet. There are many parts to the ocean and many different types of animals that call it home.

Coral reefs give food and shelter to small animals that live near the top of the ocean. Coral reefs are warm and usually have lots of light. Starfish, sea anemones, and clams live here.

The seashore is the part of the ocean that most of us know the best. There is the sand on the beach, but there are also tide pools along the rocks. Animals that live on the rocks have arms and legs that help them hold onto the rocks when the waves crash on them. Some small animals will dig holes into the sand when the waves start coming in.

Many sea animals live in the open ocean where there is still some light. Many types of plants, as well as sharks, fish, turtles, and seals live here.

Deep down in the ocean there is very little light. It is also very cold. In the deepest parts of the ocean, it is totally dark. Some animals that live down there have to create their own light to attract fish for them to eat.

Story Questions:

1. You would probably not find a coral reef deep in the ocean because...
 - a. coral reefs need cold water.
 - b. coral reefs have a lot of light and are in warm water.
 - c. coral reefs need to live in dark parts of the ocean.
 - d. coral reefs would not have enough food in the deep ocean.

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2. Some smaller animals survive on the seashore by...
 - a. grabbing onto the coral reef.
 - b. riding the waves.
 - c. holding on to other fish.
 - d. burying themselves in the sand.

 3. What do some animals that live deep in the ocean have to do for food?
 - a. They don't eat for long periods of time.
 - b. They create their own light.
 - c. They find food with their eyes closed.
 - d. They eat animals that are bigger than they are.

 4. If you were to explore the seashore, what would you likely feel under your feet?
 - a. sand, ice, and snow
 - b. sand, mud, and ice
 - c. sand, pebbles, and shells
 - d. large rocks and chunks of dirt

Journal Writing

5. Would you rather live in a coral reef or in the deep ocean? **Write** 3-5 sentences explaining your choice.

Math Worksheet

6. **Practise** [subtracting 2-digit numbers from 3-digit numbers](#).

Word Problems

7. **Read** the word problems below and **write** the answers.
 - ★ There are 76 clownfish living in their anemone homes in the coral reef. 24 of them are outside of the anemone right now. How many clownfish are still in their homes?

- ★ There are 145 small fish left in the tide pool when the tide is out. Some birds came along and ate 112 of the fish. How many fish are left?

Fun Stuff!

8. **Make** your own [coral reef](#) using items that you have at home.