



The Ocean



Read the informational text. Next, use a dictionary to figure out the meaning of the underlined words. Write what the words mean and why the author used them in the spaces below. Finally, explain why the author wrote this text.

The ocean is important to all living things. More than 70 percent of Earth's surface is covered by the ocean. If you saw Earth from outer space, it would look similar to a blue marble. That's a lot of water! The ocean is the Earth's largest habitat.

There is only one world ocean and five ocean basins. The water in the world ocean flows between the ocean basins, just like air moves around on land.

About one million types of animals live in the ocean. Different animals live in different parts of the ocean depending on what they need to stay alive.

It's important that humans take care of the ocean so it stays healthy for years to come. One way to help the ocean is to pick up trash on the beach.

The ocean is important to all living things. Over half of the Earth's surface is covered by the ocean. Scientists have only explored part of the ocean. There is still so much left to explore!



Name: _____

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1. The word _____ means _____

This word is important to the main idea of the text because _____

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5. The word _____ means _____

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In your own words, explain what the topic of the text is. Can you figure out the main idea of the text? What did the author want you to learn? How do you know?

