



Oceans

Vocabulary Words Week 1



- 1. sediments** Small pieces of things that drift to the bottom
- 2. hydrophyte** Name used for any plant that is specifically adapted to live in water
- 3. Mid Atlantic Range** Underwater volcanic mountain range
- 4. atoll** A coral island or group of islands that surround an area of shallow water called a lagoon
- 5. nodules** Mineral lump found on the ocean bottom
- 6. neap tide** Results when the pull of the sun is at right angles to the pull of the moon. Neap tides are not as high as normal tides. Usually occurs when the moon is near its 1st & 3rd quarter
- 7. food chain** An arrangement of all things into levels, with higher forms of life eating the forms below them to survive
- 8. Sargasso Sea** An irregular oval-shaped area of the North Atlantic Ocean. It is set apart only by the presence of seaweeds that float on its surface
- 9. abalone** A marine snail found in most wild and tropical seas. Its shell is used to make mother-of-pearl costume jewelry
- 10. jellyfish** A sea animal that has no backbone and feels like jelly. It has a rounded bell-shaped body with dangling tentacles. Small hairs on the tentacles can cause a painful sting
- 11. crab** An animal with a hard, flat shell, 8 legs, and 2 claws in the front. It moves sideways to go from place to place



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Vocabulary Words Week 2



- 1. Challenger Deep** Deepest spot in the oceans named for British scientific ship Challenger that was the first to study the ocean floor
- 2. El Nino** A warm current in the Pacific Ocean that flows southward along the west coast of South America
- 3. sonar** An instrument that uses sound waves to locate objects in the water
- 4. benthos** Plants and animals that live on the ocean bottom
- 5. biodegradable** Can be broken down especially by the action of bacteria
- 6. fringe reef** Submerged platforms of living coral animals that extend from the shore into the sea
- 7. tidal power** Electricity made from the moving water of tides
- 8. kelp** Brown seaweed
- 9. stingray** A wide, flat ocean fish with sharp spines on its whiplike tail. These spines can cause painful injury
- 10. eel** A snakelike fish that lives in fresh or salt water



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Vocabulary Words Week 3



- 1. sea turtle** Reptiles with long shells, they live in warm seas throughout the world. Females leave the water only to lay eggs. Males usually never leave the water once they hatch
- 2. rift zones** A system of cracks in the ocean floor through which lava rises
- 3. tsunami** A huge ocean wave caused by an underwater earthquake or volcanic eruption. Also called a tidal wave
- 4. spring tide** Results when the pull of the earth combines with the pull of the moon to produce tides that are higher than normal. Usually occurs during new full moon time and new moon time
- 5. trench** A deep narrow valley in the ocean floor
- 6. coral** A colorful, stonelike material that forms from the skeletons of small sea animals
- 7. continental slope** Area that begins where the continental shelf drops off steeply to the plain
- 8. sponge** An underwater animal with a skeleton that has many holes and absorbs water
- 9. octopus** A saltwater animal with a soft bulb-shaped body and 8 long arms covered with rows of suckers
- 10. anemones** An animal that looks like a flower. It can move slowly but usually remains fixed to a rock or other surface



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Vocabulary Words Week 4



1. **continental shelf** Shallow, sloping area beyond the surf
2. **delta** The land at the mouth of a river, usually shaped like a triangle. It is formed by sand, stone, and mud that have been carried downstream by the water current
3. **gulf stream** A major ocean current in the North Atlantic Ocean
4. **drainage system** Removes excess water from the soil
5. **oxygen** A gas having no color, smell, or taste. A chemical element that makes up about 1/5 of the air. Animals and plant need oxygen to live
6. **oceanography** The science having to do with the study of the ocean and the things that live there
7. **East Pacific Rise** A great underwater mountain range extending from the north of Antarctica to North America off Mexico
8. **pesticides** A chemical used to control or eliminate pests
9. **sea star** (star fish) – a sea animal whose flat body has 5 or more arms spreading out in a star shape from its center. The starfish is not a true fish.
10. **sea otter** A furry animal that live in the North Pacific Ocean