

Title: Working with the Sea

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

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1. Many species of birds migrate south for the winter.
2. Archaeologists have found tools that people used thousands of years ago.
3. We should try to get more energy from renewable resources like wind and sunshine.
4. When diving, be careful not to touch the coral; you could kill it.
5. I was terrified when I saw the shark's fin sticking out of the water.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Free divers cannot hold their breath for more than three minutes. T / F
2. "The bends" can be deadly. T / F
3. Salvage teams can often save valuable things. T / F
4. Most parts of the world's oceans have already been explored. T / F
5. There are dangerous snakes in the ocean. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Fisherman use (traps / nets) to catch shrimp.
2. Working a big fishing boat is (safe / dangerous).
3. Greek divers are famous for collecting (pearls / sponges).
4. Most scuba divers can't go more than forty meters (below the surface / from the boat).
5. Shipwrecks are of interest to (energy companies / marine archaeologists).

C. Choose the best answer.

1. The largest number of people who work with the sea are probably _____.

- a. Marine biologists
- b. Divers
- c. Fishermen
- d. Rescue workers

2. Who must be careful about "the bends"?

- a. Free divers
- b. Scuba divers
- c. Shrimp boat captains
- d. Fish farmers

3. Where can you find a fluke?

- a. In a coral reef
- b. On a whale
- c. On scuba gear
- d. In a submarine

4. "Black Swan" refers to the discovery of _____.

- a. Sunken treasure
- b. A new species
- c. A large amount of oil
- d. Information about the past

5. People who work to get oil from the sea are called _____.

- a. Rigs
- b. Roughnecks
- c. Salvage teams
- d. Lifeguards

Summary

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shipwrecks	reefs	rigs	marine	resources
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The ocean offers us both resources and beauty. Many jobs involve the ocean, and probably the most common is fishing. People fish from shore and from boats of all sizes. The fishing industry feeds many people, but people also fish for fun. Another ocean activity is diving. Free divers hold their breath underwater to collect things like shells and pearls. A safer way to dive is to use scuba equipment. Leaders of dive tours take scuba divers to interesting sights like shipwrecks. Archaeologists can learn about history from these wrecks. Other divers work as underwater photographers. Sea life is studied by marine biologists. They try to learn how whales migrate, how pollution affects coral reefs, and many other things. Oceans are also sources of oil and natural gas. Energy companies build rigs to drill the ocean floor. This is dangerous work. Other dangers of the ocean include drowning, sharks, and poisonous jellyfish. That is why ocean rescue workers are important. The sea provides people with many exciting jobs.