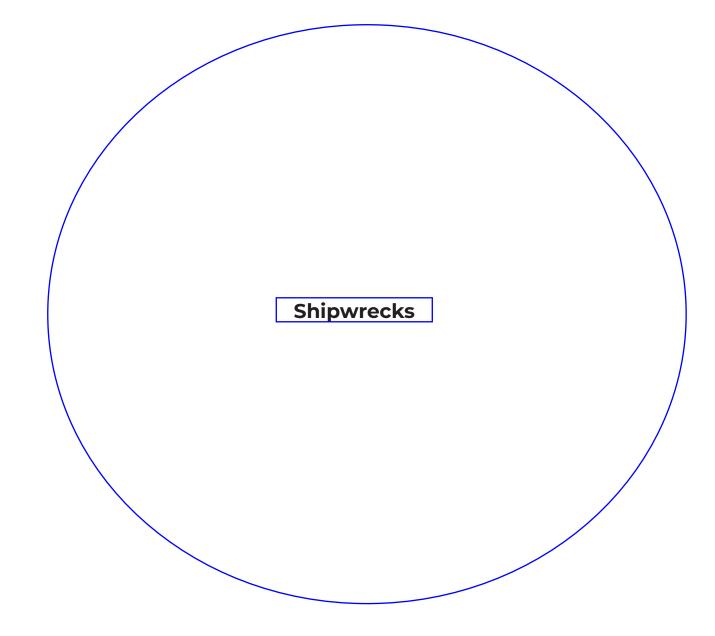


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Students: After reading "Around the World," complete the circle map below to provide information about shipwrecks. Record ten facts in complete sentences.







Students: After reading "Wildville," write a report about the blue whale. Include important facts about this animal, and be sure to write in your own words. If you need more room, continue your story on the back of the page.



Answer Kev

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1. What are features of the ocean?

The ocean is the world's largest body of water. It is full of various marine animals, water, salt. The largest marine animal in the ocean is the blue whale, and the smallest is a kind of plankton called zooplankton. The ocean is divided into five major regions: the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Indian, the Arctic and the Southern, also known as the Antarctic. The areas share no physical borders; water moves freely between them. The ocean has currents and tides that affect its movement.

2. What is the relationship between the ocean, the Earth and the moon?

The ocean has tides that cause the water to shift and move every single day. The reason tides occur is due to the gravitational attraction of the sun, moon and Farth.

3. What facts would you select to prove that the ocean is an important ecosystem?

Hundreds of thousands of other sea animals live in the ocean, everything from clams and crabs to squid and fish. The ocean covers nearly 71% of Earth's surface and contains almost 98% of all the water on Earth.

4. What questions would you ask in an interview with a marine biologist?

Questions will vary.

5. What would you predict as the outcome of stormy weather at the beach?

Accept answers similar to the following:

I would predict that stormy weather would bring strong winds and big waves to the beach. I predict such weather could put people and marine animals in harm's way. Damage could happen to the land, and living things could be hurt.



Answer Key

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It is exciting when sunken treasure ships are discoverd. Sometimes shipwrecks from long ago are found, even the early days of European colonization.

Many thousands of ships have been abandoned or sunk at sea.

The ships of pirates and sailors from long ago are some of the shipwrecks discovered around the world.

Old wrecks contain historical data. Marine archaeologists are very interested in finding such information.

Divers often search the wrecks of miltary shipwrecks to find out information about the battles.

Shipwrecks

Often shipwrecks are revealed to be smaller, abandoned, derelict fishing boats.

When oil tankers shipwreck, it can be environmentally devastating. The Prestige and Erika ships are examples.

Some famous ships that sank include RMS Titantic, HMHS Britannic, RMS Lusitania, SS Andrea Davis, SS Edmund Fitzgerald, and the Costa Concordia.

The Civil War ironclad ship, USS Monitor, sank in 1862 and was rediscovered in 1973. In 2002, its turret was recovered, revealing the skeletal remains of two of the 16 men who died in the shipwreck.

Sometimes boats are sunk on purpose to encourage reef development. This is called scuttling.





Answer Key

Students: After reading "Wildville," write a report about the blue whale. Include important facts about this animal, and be sure to write in your own words. If you need more room, continue your story on the back of the page.

Teachers and parents: Reports will vary. Check facts according to what is in the article concering the animal.