

One Ocean and Four -- or Five -- Basins

Questions:

1. What percentage of Earth is cover by water?
2. Name seven reasons why the ocean is so important.
3. Find one word in the first paragraph that means “something (such as food) that keeps someone or something alive”.
4. Find a synonym for *hardly* in the passage. (Par. 1)
5. What are the four named ocean basins of the world.
6. Which ocean basin is the largest?
7. What percent of planet Earth does the Pacific Ocean cover?
8. How many times is the Pacific wider than the moon?
9. Find an antonym for *narrowest* in the passage. (Par. 2)
10. How many people, and for how long, can be supplied with water from one massive iceberg?
11. What is the temperature of water in the deepest parts of the ocean?
12. How hot is the water that comes of out hydrothermal vents?
13. What keeps the water from boiling?
14. What percentage of the ocean has been explored?
15. Name three things we can find in the ocean, that you will also find on the surface of planet Earth.
16. Find one word in the passage that means “belonging to or existing in the present time.”
17. Will Man set foot on Mars before being able to extract the gold in our oceans? What do you think?

Answers:

1. More than 70%.
2. The ocean drives weather, regulates temperature, produces oxygen, is a food source, is a mode of transport, creates trade, and is home to many animal species.
3. Sustenance
4. Barely
5. Pacific, Atlantic, Indian and Arctic.
6. Pacific
7. 30%
8. Five times wider.
9. Widest
10. One million for five years.
11. 35–39 degrees Fahrenheit (2–4 degrees Celsius).
12. 750 degrees Fahrenheit (400 degrees Celsius).
13. The intense pressure — the same pressure that would crush you.
14. 5%
15. Canyons, volcanoes, life.
16. Current
17. Open answer.

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