



YEAR 1 OCEANS



WHAT IS AN OCEAN?

An ocean is a huge body of salt water that covers most of the Earth. There are five oceans in the world: the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Southern Ocean, and the Arctic Ocean. Oceans are very deep and full of amazing animals.

ANIMALS IN THE OCEAN

Many creatures live in the ocean. There are fish, sharks, dolphins, and whales. Some animals, like jellyfish, float in the water, while others, like crabs, walk on the ocean floor. Sea turtles swim with their flippers, and octopuses use their arms to move around.

WAVES AND TIDES

Oceans have waves that move up and down. The wind makes the waves. The ocean also has tides. Tides are when the water moves in and out. The Moon helps to pull the water, making high and low tides.

WHY IS THE OCEAN IMPORTANT?

The ocean gives us food, like fish and seaweed. It also gives us air to breathe. The ocean helps to keep the Earth cool and makes clouds that bring rain. Many people love to swim, surf, and play in the ocean too.

LOOKING AFTER THE OCEAN

The ocean needs to stay clean. Sometimes, rubbish like plastic gets into the water and harms sea animals. People can help by picking up litter, using less plastic, and keeping beaches clean. A healthy ocean is good for all living things!

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. How many oceans are there in the world?
2. Name two animals that live in the ocean.
3. What makes waves in the ocean?
4. Why is the ocean important to us?
5. How can people help to keep the ocean clean?

