

## OCEANS

*We are doing a group project today on Oceans. Work together to read and answer the questions we have about Oceans, and at the end of the assignment your group of 4 (or 3) will give a short presentation on Oceans and why they think it is important.*

June 8<sup>th</sup> was named **World Ocean Day** to help people come together to protect our Oceans. Our Oceans around the world play an important part for all life on Earth. 97% of all water on Earth comes from the Oceans, and 71% of the Earth's surface is covered by the Ocean. The largest living thing on Earth is the **Great Barrier Reef**, which is located in the Ocean, it can be seen from space!

There are five Oceans in the World: The **Southern** (also called Antarctic Ocean), **Pacific**, **Atlantic**, **Indian**, and **Arctic Ocean**. These oceans are all very different from each other. There are also seas connected to most Oceans, Seas are similar to Oceans, but aren't nearly as large.

For humans, we would not have our **atmosphere** or **oxygen** to breathe without oceans. The Oceans also are important for our **climate**. Without oceans, our **climate** would be impossible for us to live! Also, Oceans are the largest **habitat** for different **species** of animals and plants on Earth.

We have fun in oceans in a lot of different ways, maybe you enjoy playing in the **waves**, digging up the **sand** on the bottom of the ocean floor, looking at the **reefs** or **tropical fish**, or maybe even enjoying **seafood** to eat. The Ocean is very important and fun for people and animals; let's help celebrate Oceans every day by protecting them!

We can help protect Oceans by:

- Not **littering** and throwing trash away properly, but **recycling** most of our waste.
- Using less energy and **electricity** (try to walk or ride a bike more often!)
- Not **over-fish** or do harmful things to water around us (lakes, rivers, streams, seas, or Oceans)

1. When is World Ocean Day? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How much water on Earth is NOT found in Oceans? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How much of the Earth's surface is covered by Oceans? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is one way people can help protect Oceans?

*We can* \_\_\_\_\_ *by* \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is one way people can enjoy Oceans?

*We can* \_\_\_\_\_ *by* \_\_\_\_\_

Can you name some animals that live in or near Oceans?

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4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Work together as a group to make a presentation about Oceans, make sure to use at least 4 different key words to make 4 sentences about Oceans. Each sentence should have at least 1 keyword in it to use.

KEY WORDS

Pacific	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	habitat	World Ocean Day
recycle	seafood	Southern	climate
tropical	electricity	Arctic	Indian
waves	species	oxygen	atmosphere
over-fish	littering	sand	reef

*Examples: Protecting Oceans is important, people should not litter and should recycle more.*

*The Ocean is a habitat for many species of fish.*

Sentence1: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sentence2: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sentence3: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sentence4: \_\_\_\_\_

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