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What is this resource and how do I use it?

Learn all about the seas and oceans of the world with this reading comprehension designed especially for children aged 7 or 8 years old. Once you have learned all the fascinating facts, answer the questions using your new knowledge. The answers are included at the end so that you can check your work. No peeking!

What skills does this practise?

Reading Comprehension

Inference

Geography

Further Activity Ideas and Suggestions

Continue the ocean-themed fun with this [Ocean and Marine Life Activity Booklet](#) or get crafty with these adorable [Egg Box Ocean Animals](#). For more reading comprehensions, check out our [Year 3 Mixed Reading Comprehension Pack](#).

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Seas and Oceans

Did you know that planet Earth is made up of around 71% water? Almost 98% of that water is held in the oceans and seas. But what are the oceans and seas on Earth? Read on to find out.

Oceans

An ocean is a large body of salt water. Technically, there is only one global ocean, but geographers and scientists have split this into five smaller oceans.



The **Atlantic Ocean** is the second largest ocean in the world. It covers a huge area between Europe and Africa to the east and North and South America to the west.

The **Pacific Ocean** is the world's largest ocean, covering over 165 million km² between Asia to the west and North and South America to the east. It is home to the Mariana Trench, the deepest point on the planet.

The third largest ocean, the **Indian Ocean**, lies to the south of the Earth, with Asia to the north, Africa to the west and Australasia (sometimes known as Oceania) to the east.

The **Arctic Ocean**, surrounding the North Pole, is the coldest, shallowest and smallest ocean in the world. Most of this ocean is covered in sea ice, especially in winter.

The **Southern Ocean**, sometimes known as the Antarctic Ocean, is the most southern ocean. It surrounds Antarctica and the South Pole.

Seas

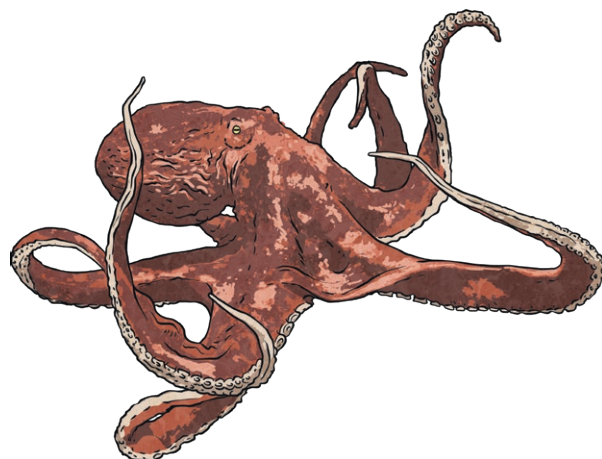
A sea is a small section of ocean, usually found where the ocean meets the land. The largest sea in the world is the Mediterranean Sea in the Atlantic Ocean. You might also have heard of the Caribbean Sea.

Fun Facts

- If you put Mount Everest in the Mariana Trench, it would still be over a kilometre below the surface.

- The Dead Sea is not actually a sea! It is a lake in Asia which is around 9 times as salty as the ocean.

- Scientists are still yet to explore 95% of the oceans.





Seas and Oceans

Ages
7 - 8

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. Using what you have read, order the oceans from **smallest** to **largest** - 1 being the smallest and 5 being the largest.

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| Arctic Ocean | <input type="text"/> | Southern Ocean | <input type="text"/> | | |

2. How much of the Earth is covered by water?

3. Which is the coldest ocean?

4. How large is the Pacific Ocean?

5. Which ocean surrounds the South Pole?

6. Where would you find the Mariana Trench, the deepest point on Earth?

7. Whereabouts in an ocean would you find a sea?

8. What is the largest ocean in the world?

9. What is interesting about the Dead Sea?

10. What do you think scientists might find in the 95% of the ocean that is yet to be explored?

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Child's own answer

***Disclaimer:** We hope you find the information on our website and resources useful. As far as possible, the contents of this resource are reflective of current professional research. However, please be aware that every child is different and information can quickly become out of date. The information given here is intended for general guidance purposes only and may not apply to your specific situation.