

Questions

1. Why do you think it took 16 years for the UN to recognise World Oceans Day?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that it took 16 years for the UN to recognise World Oceans Day because the oceans have slowly become more and more polluted since 1992 and in 2008, the UN could not ignore the problem any longer.

2. Find and copy one word that is a synonym for 'crucial'.

vital

3. How much of the Earth's water is contained in oceans? Tick one.

70%

50%

96%

69%

4. Which ocean means peaceful sea in Latin?

the Pacific

5. **Although largely unexplored...**

What does the subordinate clause tell us about the ocean?

Pupils' own responses, such as: The subordinate clause, 'Although largely unexplored...' tells us that a large part of the ocean remains undiscovered and that we don't actually know much about what is in the ocean.

6. What is created when we burn fossil fuels? Tick one.

oxygen

carbon dioxide

nitrogen

carbon monoxide

7. What large habitat is in the Pacific Ocean?

The large habitat in the Pacific Ocean is the Great Barrier Reef.

8. Explain why there is more carbon dioxide in the ocean. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: There is more carbon dioxide in the ocean because it says in the text that humans create it when they burn fossil fuels such as oil, coal and natural gas. We are more polluted and are burning more fuels than ever which the ocean then absorbs to help the planet to breathe.

9. Explain why overfishing is a problem and why it is a difficult problem to solve.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Overfishing is a problem because more fish are being caught than being born which means that some species of fish are in danger of becoming extinct. It is a difficult problem to solve because some people need to fish to make a living and to help their country's economy grow but this can be at the expense of the ocean and the creatures that live within it.

10. Who do you think is most responsible for caring for the oceans and why? Explain your answer fully using evidence from the text to support your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that governments are the most responsible for caring for the oceans. This is because they have the power and the money to fund the research and innovations that are needed to clean up the oceans. They also have the power to stop things such as overfishing or factories from polluting the ocean.