

**Note-taking  
Worksheet****Oceanography****Section 1 The Seafloor**

A. \_\_\_\_\_—low areas of Earth filled with water

1. \_\_\_\_\_—gradually sloping end of a continent that extends under the ocean
2. \_\_\_\_\_—steeper slope that extends from the outer edge of the continental shelf down to the ocean floor
3. \_\_\_\_\_—flat seafloor areas from 4,000 m to 6,000 m below the ocean surface

B. As \_\_\_\_\_ move, the ocean floor changes.

1. \_\_\_\_\_—new ocean floor is formed.
  - a. Eruption of \_\_\_\_\_ from Earth's interior
  - b. Process called \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_—long, narrow, steep-sided depressions
  - a. Form at \_\_\_\_\_, where one crustal plate sinks beneath another
  - b. Example: \_\_\_\_\_ Trench

C. Many \_\_\_\_\_ resources can be found in the ocean.

1. Petroleum, natural gas, phosphorite, limestone, sand, and gravel—examples of continental shelf deposits
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_—can be mined
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_—can form where rivers enter oceans
2. Sulfur, iron, copper, zinc, and silver—examples of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Too difficult and \_\_\_\_\_ to mine
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_—deposits that form from seawater

**Section 2 Life in the Ocean**

A. Ocean organisms carry out life \_\_\_\_\_ every day.

1. \_\_\_\_\_—marine plants and algae use energy from the Sun to make food.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_—organisms that undergo photosynthesis
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_—organisms that feed on producers

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2. \_\_\_\_\_—the process of using sulfur or nitrogen compounds as energy to produce food
3. Energy is passed from one organism to another organism in a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Complex feeding system of overlapping food chains—\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Varieties of ocean life**

1. \_\_\_\_\_—marine organisms that drift with the current
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_—producers
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_—feed on phytoplankton
2. \_\_\_\_\_—animals that actively swim rather than drift in the current
  - a. Can control their \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Some deep-dwelling nekton produce their own \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_—plants and animals living on or in the seafloor

**C. Habitats along the near-shore areas of the continental shelf—\_\_\_\_\_**

1. \_\_\_\_\_-dwelling organisms are adapted to a constantly changing environment.
2. Tide pools formed in \_\_\_\_\_ areas contain food and provide protection.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ provide a lower salt environment with many nutrients.
4. A coral \_\_\_\_\_ forms in clear, warm water and provides a habitat for many species.

**Section 3 Ocean Pollution****A. \_\_\_\_\_—introduction of harmful waste products, chemicals, and other substances not native to an environment**

1. \_\_\_\_\_—pollutant that acts like fertilizer
  - a. Creates algal \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Uses up oxygen so other organisms die
2. \_\_\_\_\_—wastes from industrial and agricultural products
3. \_\_\_\_\_—from tankers and land runoff
4. \_\_\_\_\_—debris washed up on beaches that can kill or create hazards for animals
5. \_\_\_\_\_—sediment from erosion that can cover coral reefs or fill marshes

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- B. Pollution effects—ocean environments are drastically \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Pollution control—international organizations and treaties are working to \_\_\_\_\_ ocean pollution.
1. No international agreement exists to control \_\_\_\_\_ activities that affect the oceans.
  2. Everyone's \_\_\_\_\_ is needed.
  3. Continue to \_\_\_\_\_ about marine pollution.

