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Use Context **CLUES**

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Read the Passage

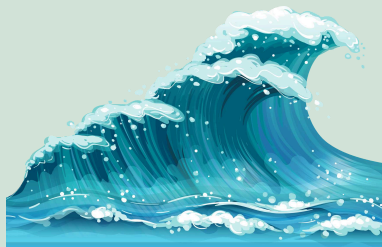
In the depths of the ocean, there exists a fascinating world filled with wonders waiting to be discovered. This underwater realm, known as the oceanic zone, is home to a diverse array of marine life, from colorful coral reefs to majestic whales.

One of the most remarkable features of the oceanic zone is its incredible depth. Stretching down for thousands of meters, the ocean floor is shrouded in darkness, with only faint traces of sunlight filtering through the water above. Despite the lack of light, many fascinating creatures thrive in these depths, adapted to the harsh conditions of the deep sea.

Among the inhabitants of the oceanic zone are deep-sea fish, such as anglerfish and gulper eels, which have developed unique adaptations to survive in the darkness. Some species possess bioluminescent organs that produce their own light, allowing them to attract prey or communicate with others in the dark depths.

In addition to fish, the oceanic zone is also home to a variety of other creatures, including jellyfish, octopuses, and deep-sea corals. These organisms play important roles in the marine ecosystem, contributing to the overall health and balance of the ocean.

Despite its remote and mysterious nature, the oceanic zone is not immune to human impacts. Pollution, overfishing, and climate change pose significant threats to the delicate balance of life in the deep sea. Conservation efforts are underway to protect these vulnerable ecosystems and ensure the survival of the creatures that call them home.



Answer the Questions

Reread the passage carefully to best answer each context clue question.

1. What does the word "fascinating" mean in the sentence, "In the depths of the ocean, there exists a fascinating world filled with wonders waiting to be discovered"?

- A. Boring B. Interesting C. Scary

2. What does the term "oceanic zone" refer to in the sentence, "This underwater realm, known as the oceanic zone, is home to a diverse array of marine life"?

- A. Surface of the ocean
B. Deepest part of the ocean
C. Middle of the ocean

3. What does the word "adaptations" mean from paragraph 3?

- A. Changes B. Friends C. Homes

4. What does the phrase "delicate balance" suggest about the oceanic zone?

- A. Stable B. Unimportant C. Fragile

5. What does the term "conservation efforts" mean in the sentence, "Conservation efforts are underway to protect these vulnerable ecosystems and ensure the survival of the creatures that call them home"?

- A. Efforts to destroy
B. Efforts to protect
C. Efforts to ignore