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Earth gets a fifth ocean

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Many of us were taught in school that there are four oceans - the Atlantic, Indian, Pacific and Arctic Oceans. However, an Internet search shows there is also a "Southern Ocean". This is around the South Pole and Antarctica. The National Geographic Society now officially accepts this is a real ocean. Geography teachers will now have to teach students that the world has five oceans. A National Geographic geographer said: "We think it's really important from an educational [viewpoint], as well as from a map-labelling standpoint, to bring attention to the Southern Ocean as a fifth ocean."

National Geographic said studying about the Southern Ocean would change how children see the world and climate change. It said: "Students learn information about the...world through what oceans they're studying. If you don't include the Southern Ocean, then they don't learn...how important it is." It added: "Antarctica forms a distinct ecological region defined by ocean currents and temperatures." National Geographic said the Southern Ocean has "unique and fragile marine ecosystems" full of wonderful marine life like whales, penguins and seals.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Many of us were | a. search |
| 2. an Internet | b. educational viewpoint |
| 3. This is around the South Pole | c. teachers |
| 4. officially accepts this is | d. and Antarctica |
| 5. Geography | e. taught in school |
| 6. teach students that the world | f. geographer |
| 7. A National Geographic | g. a real ocean |
| 8. important from an | h. has five oceans |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. change how children | a. and seals |
| 2. climate | b. about the world |
| 3. Students learn information | c. ecosystems |
| 4. Antarctica forms a distinct | d. life |
| 5. ocean currents and | e. see the world |
| 6. unique and fragile marine | f. temperatures |
| 7. full of wonderful marine | g. change |
| 8. whales, penguins | h. ecological region |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many of (1) _____ in school that there are four oceans - the Atlantic, Indian, Pacific and Arctic Oceans. However, an Internet (2) _____ is also a "Southern Ocean". This is around the South Pole and Antarctica. The National Geographic Society now (3) _____ is a real ocean. Geography teachers will now have to teach students (4) _____ has five oceans. A National Geographic geographer said: "We think it's really important (5) _____ [viewpoint], as well as from a map-labelling standpoint, to bring attention to the Southern Ocean as (6) _____."

National Geographic said studying about the Southern Ocean would change how children (1) _____ and climate change. It said: "Students learn information about the...world through what oceans they're studying. If (2) _____ the Southern Ocean, then they don't learn... (3) _____ is." It added: "Antarctica forms a distinct ecological (4) _____ ocean currents and temperatures." National Geographic said the Southern Ocean has "(5) _____ marine ecosystems" full of wonderful marine life like whales, (6) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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OCEANS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about oceans in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

