Marine Biology Chapters 1, 2 and 3: Study Guide

Chapter 1

Vocabulary

Scuba Sonar

Remotely operated vehicle (ROVs)

- Know what marine biology is
- Know the importance of the ocean
- Know the history of marine biology
- Know the influential scientists and explorers of the past

Aristotle Cook Forbes

Columbus Edwards & Andouin

Magellan Darwin

- Know the importance of the HMS Beagle and the HMS Challenger
- Know what a chronometer is and what it does
- Know what sonar and scuba are and how they are important in modern marine biology
- Know how modern technology has helped marine biologists
- Know the blue box Eyes (and Ears) in the Ocean on page 9

Chapter 2

Vocabulary

Continental margins Seamounts Abyssal plain
Continental shelf Shelf break Guyots

Continental slope Deep-sea fans Central rift valley

Continental rise Active margins Sulfides

Submarine canyons Passive margins Black smokers

Hydrothermal vent/deep-sea hot springs

- Know the difference between the two types of margins and examples of each
- Know the division of the bottom of the ocean floor and characteristics of each
- Know what the mid-ocean ridge and deep-sea trench are and what happens at each
- Know what hydrothermal vents, how they form and how they work
- Know the blue box Hot springs and the Creation of the Hawaiian Islands on page 35

Chapter 3

Vocabulary

Coriolis effect Wavelength Centrifugal force
Trade winds Period Tidal range
Westerlies Fetch Spring tides
Polar easterlies Seas Neap tides

Equatorial currents Swells Semi-diurnal tides
Gyres Break Mixed semidiurnal tide

WavesSurfDiurnal tidesCrestWave reinforcementTide tablesTroughCancelStratifiedHeightTidesUnstable

OverturnSurface layerIntermediate layerWater massMixed layerMain thermoclineCirculationThermoclinesDeep and bottom layers

- Know what drives currents, waves and winds
- Know what the Coriolis effect and what it does
- Know the differences between trade winds, westerlies and polar easterlies
- Know how surface currents of water transport heat and why that is important
- Know the structure of waves and the types of waves and where they form
- Know what it is called when waves meet each other at different angles
- Know what forces create tides and how
- Know the different types of tides and how they form
- Know the difference between semi-diurnal tides, mixed diurnal tide and diurnal tides
- Know what a tide table does
- Know how density and temperature affects the stratification of the ocean water
- Know what situations result in stable and unstable water columns
- Know the blue box *Tall Ships and Surface Currents* on page 54
- Know the blue box *Waves that Kill* on page 56 and 57

Hydrothermal Vents article

- Know what hydrothermal vents are, where they are found and how they are formed
- Know what a black smoker is
- Know the difference between a focused vent and a diffuse vent

Creatures of the Thermal Vents article

- Know what a hydrothermal vent is and how it forms
- Know the types of creatures that can form around vents and how they are able to survive
- Know why hydrogen sulfide is important for the vent ecosystem