

Homework 4/12/26

Trimble

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

May be suitable for visually impaired players, with considerable adaptation by the host

Overview:

Homework games usually differ from our typical game formats in that they are meant for individual play and will often require pencil and paper to solve. However, with a little adaptation, you can usually use them for group play as well. For homework games, we recommend that you hand out the game page (but not the answers) for your players to take home. Perhaps you can post the answers on a bulletin board or in the elevator a couple of days later.

Instructions:

This is a two-part challenge: a trivia quiz and a word jumble centered on a particular theme. On the next page, you'll find a letter grid and a series of questions. Each correct answer will be related in some way to the theme: OCEAN LIFE. As you answer the questions, cross out each letter of the answers in the grid. (We've provided the number of letters in the answers as a hint.)

For example, if the category were **DESSERTS**, with the question: *This dessert is a symbol of the United States (5, 3)*, the answer would be *APPLE PIE*. You would then cross out each letter of **A-P-P-L-E-P-I-E** in the grid.

After all the trivia questions have been answered and the letters have been crossed out, rearrange the remaining letters (the ones in the grid that are not crossed out) to reveal another term related to **OCEAN LIFE**.

A A A A A A A A B B B B C
C C C E E E E E E E E E E F G
H H H I I I K K L L L L M N N
O O O O P P P P R R R R R R R
R R S S T T T T U W W

QUESTIONS:

1. The key differences between a dolphin and this marine mammal include the shape of its teeth, dorsal fin, and snout. **(8)**
2. This is the official name of the Killer Whale. **(4)**
3. This slow-moving, gentle, plant-eating giant marine mammal is found mostly in the shallow coastal waters off Florida in the winter and more scattered along the US Atlantic coast in the warmer weather. **(7)**
4. Since the debut of the movie *Jaws*, this fish's fearsome reputation has escalated. **(5, 5, 5)**
5. This ocean vegetation is not a plant but the fastest growing marine algae, sometimes growing 18 inches in one day. **(4)**
6. This is the term for an ocean wave with a foamy crest. **(8)**
7. One of the primary reasons for hunting whales in the past was to collect this tissue that could be rendered down to make a fuel. **(7)**
8. This shelled arthropod does not move on its own; it attaches itself to a hard surface such as a rock, the shell of a mollusk, a ship bottom, or a whale. **(8)**

(The jumble consists of two words.)

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ANSWERS

1. Porpoise
2. Orca
3. Manatee
4. Great White Shark
5. Kelp
6. Whitecap
7. Blubber
8. Barnacle

Jumble Answer: **CORAL REEF**