

Life/ Levels 3-4

Reading comprehension

Read the article (Sylvia Earle) and choose the correct option.

1 Who does Sylvia Earle currently work with?

- a the American government
- b Google
- c an oil company

2 When did she first go to the Gulf of Mexico?

- a when she was three
- b in 2003
- c in the 1950s

3 What percentage of animal life had disappeared from the Gulf of Mexico by the year 2000?

- a 20 percent
- b 50 percent
- c 90 percent

4 When was there a big oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico?

- a 2000
- b 2003
- c 2010

Read the article again and choose the correct option.

5 Which of the statements about Sylvia Earle is NOT true?

- a She's an experienced expedition leader.
- b She holds a record for the longest time under water.

- c She does one of her favorite activities in her work.

6 What does she say about her first experience of the sea?

- a She was afraid of the waves.
- b She enjoyed it very much.
- c She was too young to remember it.

7 The work that Earle is currently doing is based...

- a all over the world.
- b in North America.
- c in the Gulf of Mexico.

8 According to Earle, sixty years ago...

- a it was difficult to imagine the oceans were in danger.
- b the problems with the sea were too big to solve at that time.
- c the marine environment wasn't as important as it is now.

9 Which statement is NOT true?

- a Not everybody agrees that the sea is very important.
- b The ocean is essential to life on Earth.
- c We get resources we need from the sea.

10 According to Earle...

- a it will be too difficult to clean up the Gulf of Mexico.
- b it's possible to protect marine areas.
- c parts of the Mississippi River are healthy.