

AUTHOR'S REASONING AND EVIDENCE

Read the following passage and answer the questions.

The ocean is teeming with fascinating discoveries waiting to be explored. It is home to a vast array of marine species, from tiny plankton to majestic whales. Each species plays a unique role in maintaining the balance of marine ecosystems.

Marine animals have evolved incredibly to survive in their underwater world. From camouflaging to glowing in the dark, these adaptations help them thrive in diverse habitats.

Protecting marine life is crucial for maintaining the health of our oceans and the planet as a whole. By learning about marine ecosystems and the threats they face, we can take action to preserve them for future generations.

Coral reefs are huge underwater ecosystems bustling with life, hosting a diverse range of fish and other marine organisms. They provide essential habitat for many species and support the livelihoods of millions of people around the world.

The deep ocean is home to some of the most bizarre and mysterious creatures on Earth. From anglerfish with glowing lures to giant squid with eyes the size of dinner plates, these deep-sea dwellers have evolved unique characteristics to survive extreme conditions in the deep ocean.

Various marine conservation initiatives aim to protect marine habitats, combat pollution, and promote sustainable fishing practices. Organizations and individuals around the world are working together to safeguard our oceans and the creatures that call them home.



A What is the point the author is trying to make in the above passage? (There can be more than one correct answer.)

We can take action to preserve marine ecosystems by learning about them.

Marine animals have evolved incredibly to survive in their underwater world.

No significant initiatives have been taken to preserve these ecosystems.

B Coral reefs are considered biodiversity hotspots. Select the appropriate evidence to support this stance.

They provide essential habitat for many species

They have the ability to glow in the dark.

They do not support the livelihoods of millions of people around the world

C Provide a reason to support the following stance: *The deep ocean is home to some of the most bizarre and mysterious creatures on Earth.*

D Find the word that means *hiding by disguising yourself*.

