

Life/ Levels 5-6

Reading comprehension

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

- 1 Sylvia Earle is a scientist who...**
 - a has done some unconventional things in her professional life.
 - b has followed the traditional path of women in science.
 - c has identified many new species of marine plants and animals.
- 2 Which of these statements describes one of the main points of the article?**
 - a The marine environment is a key part of all life on Earth.
 - b The oceans provide us with unlimited resources.
 - c The sea is one of the most exciting places for science at the moment.
- 3 How does the article illustrate specific problems in the marine environment?**
 - a by describing the situation in the Gulf of Mexico
 - b through a history of Earle's work in different organizations
 - c by giving details of what Earle plans to do

Read the article again and choose the correct option.

- 4 What started Earle's interest in the ocean?**
 - a a National Geographic explorer
 - b a childhood experience

- c her love of diving

5 Which statement best describes Earle's career?

- a She gave up science to work for an internet company.
- b She has worked in a variety of places.
- c She spent a lot of time in the laboratory.

6 Earle's main interest is in...

- a documenting wildlife.
- b exploring remote parts of the ocean.
- c marine conservation.

7 What motivates Earle in her current work?

- a the needs of the fishing industry
- b the lack of understanding among the general public
- c the changes that she has seen in her lifetime

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 According to Earle...

- a life began in the oceans.
- b the oceans can support more life than they do.
- c we would die without the oceans.

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.