

Science 8

Text: Discovering Science 8

Unit 1: Water Systems on Earth

Chapter Two, "Oceans Control the Water Cycle"

Note:

Students are encourage to review all material as part of an appropriate study schedule. The textbook, Discovering Science 8 is the main source of information. All other material are supplementary.

Terms to Know:

Ocean Basin	Pangea	Tectonic Plates	Tectonic Movement	Continental Shelf
Continental Slope	Abyssal Plan	Mid-Atlantic Ridge	Ocean Current	Coriolis Effect
Density Current	Thermocline	Upwelling	Bays	Breaker
Crest	Neap Tide	Spring Tide	Swell	Tidal Range
Tide	Trough	Tsunami	Wavelength	Headlands

- 1.) Describe processes that lead to the development of ocean basins and continental drainage systems.
 - volcanic action, plate tectonics, erosion and glaciation.
- 2.) Discuss technologies that have assisted scientists to research ocean basins.
 - sonar, satellites, core sampling, underwater photography/ videography, deep sea submersibles, and diving.
- 3.) Provide examples of how technologies, used to investigate the ocean floor, have improved over time.
 - diving vs. submersibles
 - wire line depth probes vs. sonar
- 4.) Using a diagram, illustrate a typical continental margin from coastal shoreline to mid-ocean ridge.
 - continental shelf, continental slope, abyssal plain, and mid-ocean ridge.
- 5.) Describe the interactions of the ocean currents, winds, and regional climates.

- 6.) Provide examples of public and private Canadian institutions that support scientific and technological research involving the oceans.
 - Environment Canada, Federal Fisheries, Ocean Sciences and Centre, Centre for Cold Ocean Research C-CORE at Memorial University.
- 7.) Identify the two types of ocean currents.
 - surface currents and deep water currents.
- 8.) Identify and explain how temperature differences create deep water currents.
- 9.) Identify and explain how wind action as a cause of surface currents.
- 10.) Identify and explain four factors which influence the formation and movement of ocean currents.
 - salinity,
 - Earth's spin (Coriolis effect)
 - shape of continents
 - temperature
- 11.) Identify local ocean currents.
 - Labrador current (cold), Gulf Stream (warm), North Atlantic Current (warm)
- 12.) Explain and illustrate how tides are generated by the gravitational pull of the moon.
- 13.) Distinguish between spring tides and neap tides.
- 14.) Describe the processes of erosion and deposition in relation to the interaction of waves and tides with shorelines.
- 15.) Identify that wave and tide interactions with shorelines depend on:
 - shape of the shoreline
 - slope of the shoreline
 - type of rock material
 - wave energy
- 16.) Explain how wave action and water flow play significant roles in on the processes of erosion and deposition.
 - beaches, shoal , sand bars, sea caves, sea arches, sea stacks, etc.