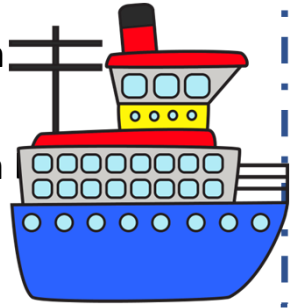


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The Mysterious Bermuda Triangle

Have you ever heard of the Bermuda Triangle? It's a mysterious place in the Atlantic Ocean where ships, planes, and people have disappeared without a trace! The Bermuda Triangle is a large area of ocean between Bermuda, and Puerto Rico. It's like an invisible triangle in the water. Many people travel through it every day without any problems. But sometimes, things get a bit strange.



Some stories say that ships and planes vanish into thin air when they enter the Bermuda Triangle. Compasses spin wildly, and radios stop working. It's as if the Triangle has a mind of its own! But don't worry, these are just stories. Scientists think there are good explanations for these mysteries.

One reason for the disappearances could be the weather. The Bermuda Triangle has lots of storms. Big waves and strong winds can make it hard for ships and planes to travel safely. Sometimes, they might get lost in the storm and can't find their way back.

Another reason could be the ocean floor. It's very deep and has mountains and valleys like the land we live on. If a ship sinks, it might fall into one of these deep places, making it hard to find.

The Earth has a magnetic field that helps compasses point north. But in the Bermuda Triangle, this field can act a bit funny. This might confuse pilots and captains, making them go off course.

Many scientists believe that the Bermuda Triangle isn't any more mysterious than other parts of the ocean. They say that with so many ships and planes going through, it's normal for some to have accidents. Just like cars on the road, sometimes things go wrong.

1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. Where is the Bermuda Triangle located?**
 - a. between Florida, Bermuda, and Puerto Rico
 - b. in the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii
 - c. in the Atlantic Ocean near Miami, Florida

- 2. What sometimes happens to ships and planes there?**
 - a. they disappear without a trace
 - b. they get lost for weeks on end
 - c. they take longer to reach their destination

- 3. How deep is the ocean's floor in the Bermuda Triangle?**
 - a. very shallow
 - b. very deep with mountains and valleys
 - c. not very deep and flat and smooth

- 4. What do scientists believe about the Bermuda Triangle?**
 - a. it leads to another dimension
 - b. it is no more mysterious than other parts of the ocean
 - c. it is extremely unsafe to travel there

- 5. What do sailors and pilots use to help them stay on course?**
 - a. their phones
 - b. GPS
 - c. artificial intelligence

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why is the Bermuda Triangle referred to as mysterious?
 2. Explain why you would or wouldn't travel through the Bermuda Triangle
 3. Based on what you read, what do you feel causes the planes and ships to disappear here?
 4. Describe what you think the ocean floor looks like using details.
- Why do you think the Bermuda Triangle has become such a popular topic for mysteries?
 - How might the deep ocean floor make it difficult to finding lost ships or planes?
 - Provide 5 statements about the Bermuda Triangle.
 - Describe what a sunken ship might look like at the bottom of the ocean in the Bermuda Triangle.