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Remembering Details

Comprehension Activities



■ Challenge Readers: 300 - 600 Total Words

Under the Sea

1. The Deepest Dive

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about the Mariana Trench and the Deepsea Challenger?

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D. Comprehension Check Page

What do you remember?

1. What is the Mariana Trench? Tick all the correct details that you know about it:
 - a. It was used in World War I.
 - b. It is over 2500 kilometres long.
 - c. Divers like to explore it.
 - d. It is the deepest part of the ocean in the world.
 - e. It was formed by one of the earth's tectonic plates sliding under another one.
 - f. The water is warm and so a lot of fish live there.

2. What did Deepsea Challenger use to collect samples?

3. Volcanic glass was seen in the trench. What event had happened in the trench at some time to make this glass?

4. How deep did Deepsea Challenger go under the sea?

5. Why do you think divers cannot survive in very deep water? Tick all the reasons:
 - a. The fish are scary.
 - b. The water is freezing cold.
 - c. The pressure of water is too much for a human body.
 - d. It takes too long to swim to very deep parts of the ocean.
 - e. It is too dark to see.

2. Blue Whales and Krill

C. Recalling Information to Remember

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What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about blue whales and krill?

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What do you remember?

1. What makes the fact that blue whales eat krill interesting?
2. What do plankton convert into food that animals can eat?
3. What sort of animals are krill?
4. How do blue whales catch krill?
5. What does a food chain describe?

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3. Making Tsunamis: The Rockslide Under the Sea that Shaped Britain

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about the tsunami that shaped Britain?

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What do you remember?

1. How did Britain become shaped into an island?
2. How did the tsunami start?
3. What happened to Doggerland?
4. What is on the land under the ocean?
5. Where was Doggerland and what is in that place today?

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4. Squid vs Sperm Whale: The Battle of the Ocean Giants

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about giant squid and sperm whales?

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What do you remember?

1. List the events in sequence:
 - a. Whale finds giant squid using echolocation.
 - b. Squid dead, whale fed.
 - c. Squid sees whale from 100 metres and swims away.
 - d. Squid wraps its tentacles around the whale.
 - e. Whale turns on its back and grabs the squid.
 - f. Squid slashes the whale with its beak.
 - g. Squid is swallowed whole.
2. How do scientists know that sperm whales eat a large number of giant squid?
3. What do the scars on sperm whales' bodies show?
4. What do giant squid do to defend themselves from a hunting sperm whale?
5. What do giant squid eat?

5. Treasure Under the Sea: The Wreck of the Atocha

C. Recalling Information to Remember

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What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about the wreck of the Atocha and about hunting for treasure?

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What do you remember?

1. What was the Atocha carrying as cargo?
2. Why did Mel Fisher want to find the Atocha?
3. What equipment did Mel use to help him locate the treasure?
4. What did the crew of the Atocha do to try and save the ship from being swept onto rocks in the storm?
5. What two things made the divers start to get excited?

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