



Marine Biology Careers

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Marine biology is the study of life in the **ocean**. A marine biologist is a **scientist** who studies fish, whales, and other sea animals. This job is exciting because the ocean has many secrets. Every day, marine biologists learn new things about the sea.

Marine biologists do many different jobs. Some biologists swim in the water to watch fish. Other biologists work in a lab and study water samples. Many biologists do research on a boat far from land. They want to understand how the ocean works.

Marine biologists need special **equipment** for their job. They use scuba gear to swim under the water. They use cameras to take pictures of sea animals. They also use small boats to travel across the ocean. This equipment helps them do their work safely.

Marine biologists often work with a **team**. They visit a coral reef to look at small fish and colorful coral. They count how many animals live there. Sometimes they **discover** a new type of fish that nobody has seen before. This is a very happy moment for the team.

Marine biology is an important job. Marine biologists help protect the ocean and its animals. They teach people why the sea is special. If you love the ocean, marine biology could be a great career for you!

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. ocean ____ | a. find something new for the first time |
| 2. scientist ____ | b. keep safe from harm or danger |
| 3. research ____ | c. group of people who work together |
| 4. coral reef ____ | d. underwater structure built by tiny sea animals |
| 5. marine ____ | e. large body of salt water covering most of Earth |
| 6. equipment ____ | f. person who studies and learns about the world |
| 7. team ____ | g. careful study done to learn new facts |
| 8. species ____ | h. relating to the sea or ocean |
| 9. protect ____ | i. tools and machines used for a job |
| 10. discover ____ | j. specific type of animal or plant |

B. True or False

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| ____ 1. Marine biology is the study of life in the ocean. | ____ 2. A marine biologist never works on a boat. |
| ____ 3. Marine biologists use scuba gear to swim underwater. | ____ 4. Marine biologists do not use cameras in their work. |

- ___ 5. Some marine biologists study water samples in a lab.
- ___ 6. Marine biologists always work alone, never in a team.
- ___ 7. Marine biologists visit coral reefs to study fish and coral.
- ___ 8. Marine biologists never discover new types of fish.
- ___ 9. Marine biologists help protect the ocean and its animals.
- ___ 10. Marine biology is not an important job.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: ocean, research, coral reef, species, protect, scientist, equipment, team

1. The _____ is home to many different kinds of animals.
2. Marine biologists do _____ on boats to learn about the sea.
3. A _____ has many small, colorful fish living in it.
4. A new _____ of fish was found by the scientists.
5. Marine biologists work hard to _____ the ocean and its animals.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. What does a marine biologist study?
2. What equipment do marine biologists use?
3. Why do marine biologists visit coral reefs?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you like to be a marine biologist? Why or why not?
2. What is your favorite sea animal, and why do you like it?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-e, 2-f, 3-g, 4-d, 5-h, 6-i, 7-c, 8-j, 9-b, 10-a

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T, 10-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-ocean, 2-research, 3-coral reef, 4-species, 5-protect

D. Comprehension:

1. A marine biologist studies fish, whales, and other sea animals in the ocean.
2. They use scuba gear, cameras, and small boats.
3. They visit coral reefs to count animals and look for new types of fish.

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