

Oceanography Jeopardy!

1. Write the following categories on your chalkboard:

Light/Nutrients	<u>Plankton</u>	Circulation	Phycology	<u>Climate</u>
100	100	200	100	100
300	100	200	200	200
300	300	200	300	500
400	400	300	300	700
400	400	300	400	
500	500	400		

- 2. Have each team pick a team name and read the following instructions.
- Team A will pick a question. It does not have to be in any order. Ex. "Plankton for 300."
- After the question is read, the team has one minute to consult with each other on the answer.
- One person from the team will raise their hand and wait to be acknowledged before answering the question. No shout-outs will be acknowledged.
- If the team does not know the answer, they can be supplied with a hint for a 50-point reduction (i.e. if the question is worth 200 points, it will only be worth 150 if a hint is provided).
- If Team A answers the question incorrectly, it then goes to Team B to be answered.
- Whether or not Team B answers that question correctly, they then get to pick another question.
- If Team A answers the question correctly, they will be awarded the points and then Team B gets to pick a question.
- 3. Record points earned by each team on the chalk board.
- 4. See the following flow chart.



LET'S BEGIN!

Light/Nutrients

- 1. 100 Which color has the most energy? (hint: what color is absorbed the last in the ocean?) (blue)
- 2. 300 What is a limiting nutrient? (a nutrient that is necessary for growth but in limted supply...controls the amount of growth or reproduction of an organism)
- 3. 300 DAILY DOUBLE!! What are two nutrients necessary for growth? (nitrate, phosphate, iron)
 - a. For 300 bonus points, identify what these nutrients are used for name one thing for each nutrient. (NO₃ is used in DNA, amino acids, proteins; PO₄ is used for ATP, DNA, and lipid membranes; iron is necessary for essential proteins)
- 4. 500 Nutrients are often absent in the surface of the ocean, but they increase in concentration with depth what is responsible for this increase? (remineralization due to consumption by grazers)
- 5. 400 What is the primary source of nutrients to the ocean? (land via rivers)
- 6. 400 What are diatom shells made out of? (silica)

Plankton

- 1. 100 What are plankton? (drifters; organisms that cannot swim against currents)
- 2. 300 What is an adaptation that some plankton have developed to reduce sinking? (spines, forming chains, elongate shape)
- 500 Name 3 vital services that marine phytoplankton provide to the planet (atmospheric oxygen, base of marine food web, pharmaceutical products, climate control)
- 4. 100 What product can buried plankton develop into over millions of years? (petroleum/fossil fuels)
- 400 What is the difference between meroplankton and holoplankton? (Meroplankton, such as fish larvae, only spend part of their life cycle in the plankton, while holoplankton, such as copepods, spend their entire life cycle in the plankton)
- 6. 400 What is the term given to the migration of plankton to the surface at night and to deep water during the day? (Vertical diurnal migration)

Circulation

- 1. 300 What is the name for the region of sharp change in salinity with depth? (halocline)
- 2. 400 What is the name for the density-driven circulation of the world's ocean? (thermohaline circulation)
- 3. 200 In what part(s) of the world is deep water formed? (North Atlantic and Antarctica)
- 4. 300 Name two processes that can affect the salinity profile of an area (evaporation, precipitation, ice formation/melting)
- 5. 200 What direction do the trade winds blow? (from the NE, to the SW)
- 6. 200 DAILY DOUBLE!! Spring tides are the name given to the most extreme tidal highs and lows. When do these tides occur? (full moon and new moon)
 - a. for 200 bonus points, what is the name for the other tides (neap)

Climate

- 1. 200 Name two things that can increase the earth's albedo. Hint: albedo is related to the reflection of light. (snow, clouds)
- 2. 500 How can increased CO₂ in the atmosphere spell disaster for corals, snails, and other organisms with calcium carbonate shells/skeletons? Hint: it's related to the pH of the ocean (increased CO₂ in water increases acidity dissolves CaCO₃)
- 3. 100 How do gases such as CO₂ and methane affect the temperature of the earth? (These are greenhouse gases that trap heat near the surface of the earth instead of allowing it to escape to space)
- 4. 700 On the Keeling curve, what is responsible for annual variability in CO₂ levels? (Hint: The changes are related to the seasons) (In the northern hemisphere, trees absorb CO₂ in the spring and summer so the atmospheric CO₂ levels are low. In the fall/winter, the leaves fall and CO₂ is released back into the atmosphere.)

Phycology

- 1. 100 Name a pigment used in photosynthesis (chlorophyll, carotenoid, phycobilin)
- 2. 300 Name one species of seaweed (common or scientific name).
- 3. 300 What are 3 potential uses of seaweed? (food, medicine, fertilizer, fishing lures)
- 4. 400 What are the three major groups of seaweed? (brown algae, red algae, green algae)
- 5. 200 In a kelp forest, grazing of seaweed by sea urchins is kept in check by what keystone species? (Sea otter)