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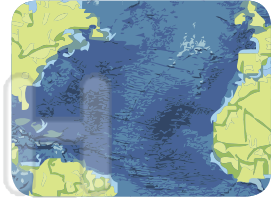
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- a. continental shelf
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- c. abyssal plain

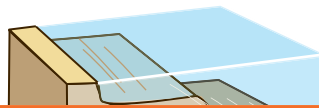


6 Down the middle of the Atlantic Ocean basin is a mountain chain formed by lava that pours out onto the ocean floor because of the separation of tectonic plates. What is this underwater mountain chain called?



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- a. pelagic environment
- b. phytoplankton zone
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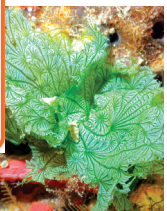
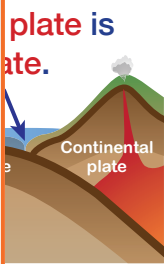
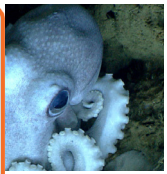
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- tidal
- marsh
- coral



10 This zone begins at the limit of the low tide and extends into the ocean to the edge of the continental shelf. The amount of sunlight and temperatures are fairly constant in this zone. Expanses of coral and a wide variety of animal life live there.

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Oceans - Answer Key

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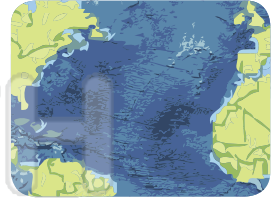
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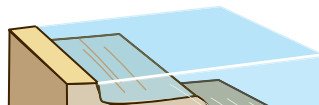
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