## **Oceans**



Class Date

The region of the ocean floor that begins at the shoreline and gradually deepens toward the open ocean is called the \_

Circle the answer letter.

- a. continental shelf
- b. continental slope
- c. abyssal plain



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?



- The broad, flat, deepest portion of the ocean is known as the
  - a. continental shelf
  - b. continental slope

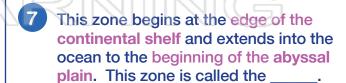




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plant

name for this environment is the

- a. pelagic environment
- b. phytoplankton zone
- c. benthic environment



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.

coral

algae

A depression in ocean sediments in the intertidal zone which holds ocean water and supports life, even when the tide goes out, is known as a \_\_\_\_\_ pool.

tidal

marsh

coral



intertidal sublittoral bathyal abyssal





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## **Oceans - Answer Key**



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bathyal

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