

Reading Comprehension Answers – Layers of the Ocean

- How many main oceans are there? Tick one.
 - two
 - three
 - four
 - five**
- Number these ocean layers in order of how deep they are, with 1 being closest to the surface.
 - The Midnight Zone
 - The Sunlight Zone
 - The Trenches
 - The Abyss
 - The Twilight Zone
- Which facts are true about the Sunlight Zone? Tick **two**.
 - It is up to 1,000m below the surface of the ocean.
 - There is plenty of heat.**
 - Humans enjoy this layer for swimming.**
 - There are very few creatures living here.
- Which layer can humans explore wearing a protective suit? Tick one.
 - The Sunlight Zone
 - The Twilight Zone**
 - The Midnight Zone
 - The Abyss
- Find and copy a phrase which shows that the Abyss is very dark.

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- What is the name of the deepest part of the ocean explored by humans?

The name of the deepest part of the ocean explored by humans is the Mariana Trench.
- Why do some of the creatures in the Midnight Zone make their own light?

Pupils' own responses, such as: Because it is so dark in the Midnight Zone, some creatures make their own light so that they can find food to eat.
- Why is specialist scientific equipment needed to explore the trenches?

Pupils' own responses, such as: It is very cold with high pressure so humans would not be able to dive that deep without getting hurt – the specialist scientific equipment means they can explore the trenches safely.