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Issue Activity

WR News Smarts Issue #1

Write the correct answer for each question. Then write the page you found the answer on and the headline of the story.

1. Which company owns the oil rig that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico?

I found this answer on page _____

Under the headline _____

2. Which animal eats both jellyfish and sea grass?

I found this answer on page _____

Under the headline _____

3. How many years old is the Mayan tomb researchers recently found in Guatemala?

I found this answer on page _____

Under the headline _____

4. About how many gallons of oil leaked into the gulf?

I found this answer on page _____

Under the headline _____

5. What do small fish and copepods both eat?

I found this answer on page _____

Under the headline _____

6. About how many species of plants and animals live near where the oil spilled in the gulf?

I found this answer on page _____

Under the headline _____

7. What is the name of the world's first flying car?

I found this answer on page _____

Under the headline _____

8. In what month and year did Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast?

I found this answer on page _____

Under the headline _____

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Issue 1: Vocabulary Challenge!

Match each new word below with its definition.

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|--------------------------|--|
| _____ 1. food web | A. two or more overlapping food chains |
| _____ 2. permanently | B. restless |
| _____ 3. hieroglyphics | C. poisoned |
| _____ 4. oil rig | D. to show |
| _____ 5. renovate (verb) | E. a barrier used to sop up liquid |
| _____ 6. agitated | F. to repair |
| _____ 7. boom | G. a type of writing that uses pictures instead of letters |
| _____ 8. reveal (verb) | H. the order in which animals eat one another for energy |
| _____ 9. food chain | I. for good |
| _____ 10. contaminated | J. a platform in the sea used to collect oil |
| _____ 11. producer | K. to break down |
| _____ 12. decay (verb) | L. a living thing that makes its own food |

Issue 1 Answer Key:

1. BP
found on page 4, "Deep-Sea Rescue"
2. sea turtles
found on page 6, "Web of Life"
3. 1,600 years
found on page 2, "Maya Mia!"
4. 200 million
found on page 4, "Deep-Sea Rescue"
5. phytoplankton
found on page 6, "Web of Life"
6. more than 8,000
found on page 8, "Species Near the Spill"
7. the Transition
found on page 2, "Picture of the Week"
8. August 2005
found on page 5, "Remembering Katrina"

Vocabulary Challenge!

1. A
2. I
3. G
4. J
5. F
6. B
7. E
8. D
9. H
10. C
11. L
12. K