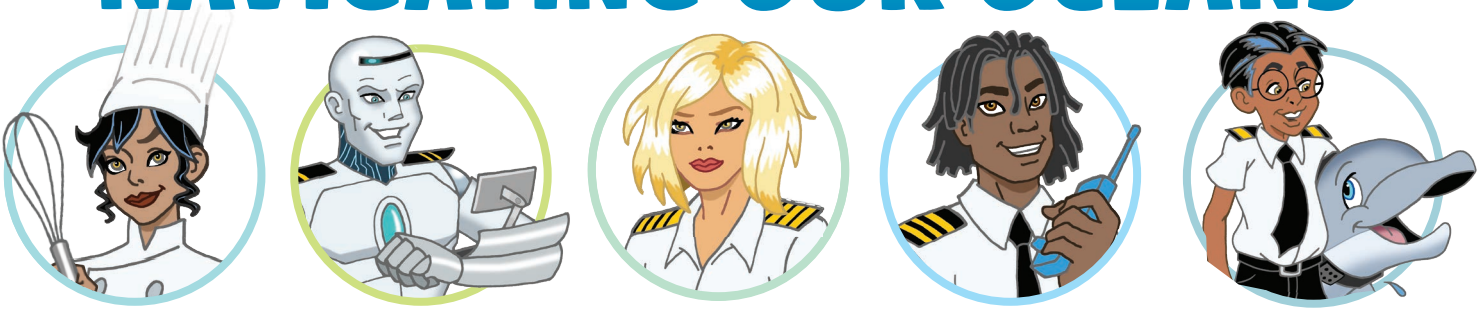
OCEAN RANGERS

NAVIGATING OUR OCEANS



Dear Educators,

Dive into discovery with the Ocean Rangers! Captain Sandy's Charities, the State of Florida, and the curriculum specialists at Young Minds Inspired invite you and your students to explore our amazing oceans with these free, standards-based activities.

Students will locate the world's oceans on a map, discover some of the many ways people depend on and enjoy the ocean, and also learn about careers focused on studying and protecting our oceans. Please share this program with other teachers and tell us what you think about it at **ymiclassroom.com/feedback-oceanrangers**. We look forward to receiving your comments.

Sincerely,
Dr. Dominic Kinsley
Editor in Chief
Young Minds Inspired

Questions? Contact YMI toll-free at 1-800-859-8005 or by email at **feedback@ymiclassroom.com**

Target Audience

Grades K-3

Components

Available at **ymiclassroom.com/oceanrangers:**

- Activities for Grades K-3
- Activities for Grades 4-6
- A standards chart
- An online feedback form

Concepts and Skills

Oceans and human life	Map reading
Marine career awareness	Critical thinking
Conservation and environmental awareness	Communication

About The Ocean Rangers

The Ocean Rangers are an eclectic, fictional crew of brave adventurers whose mission is to explore the waters of the world while protecting everyone and everything in them. Led by Captain Sandy, this intrepid team includes a mysterious benefactor, an AI robot, a daring first mate, a talented chef with an octopus helper, a clever young inventor, and a state-of-the-art vessel with all the technology and supplies they need to save the day.

How to Use This Guide

Photocopy the activity sheets and use the information that follows as a guide for implementing them. Activities may be completed as a whole class, in small groups, or individually. Students will need crayons for Activities 1 and 3.

ACTIVITY 1: Mapping Our Oceans

Ask students: *Do you think there is more land or water on Earth?* Explain that there is more water on Earth than land. Most of that water is in our oceans. In fact, our oceans hold 96.5 percent of Earth's water. That's a lot of water for the Ocean Rangers to explore! Explain that scientists say that there is just one big global ocean on Earth. It is often divided into five smaller areas called ocean basins. These are what we know as oceans. Invite students to name oceans that they know.

Pass out the activity sheet and go over the directions. For Part 2, help students find and mark Florida on the map. Have students use their completed maps to answer questions, such as which ocean is the largest (Pacific), which is the smallest (Arctic), which oceans border North America, etc.

ACTIVITY 2: Oceans and Us

Explain to students that the Ocean Rangers explore the oceans and protect everything and everyone in them. This includes fish, mammals, plants, and people. The ocean is important for all life on Earth. Ask students: *In what ways do you think the ocean is important?*

Pass out the activity sheet and go over the directions. When finished, have the students share a second time about why they think the ocean is important.

Answers: Transportation: cargo ships, ferries. Recreation: surfing, swimming. Food: fish, shrimp. Medicine: animals, plants.

ACTIVITY 3: On the Job!

Ask students: *What kind of jobs do people have?* Allow a few to share their answers. Explain that there are many different jobs for people who like the ocean. Some people work on the water and some work near it.

Pass out the activity sheet and go over the instructions. When finished, invite students to share their career choices with the class.

There's more online!

Check out **ymiclassroom.com/oceanrangers** for additional activities, a digital game, and a family letter to extend the learning to the home.

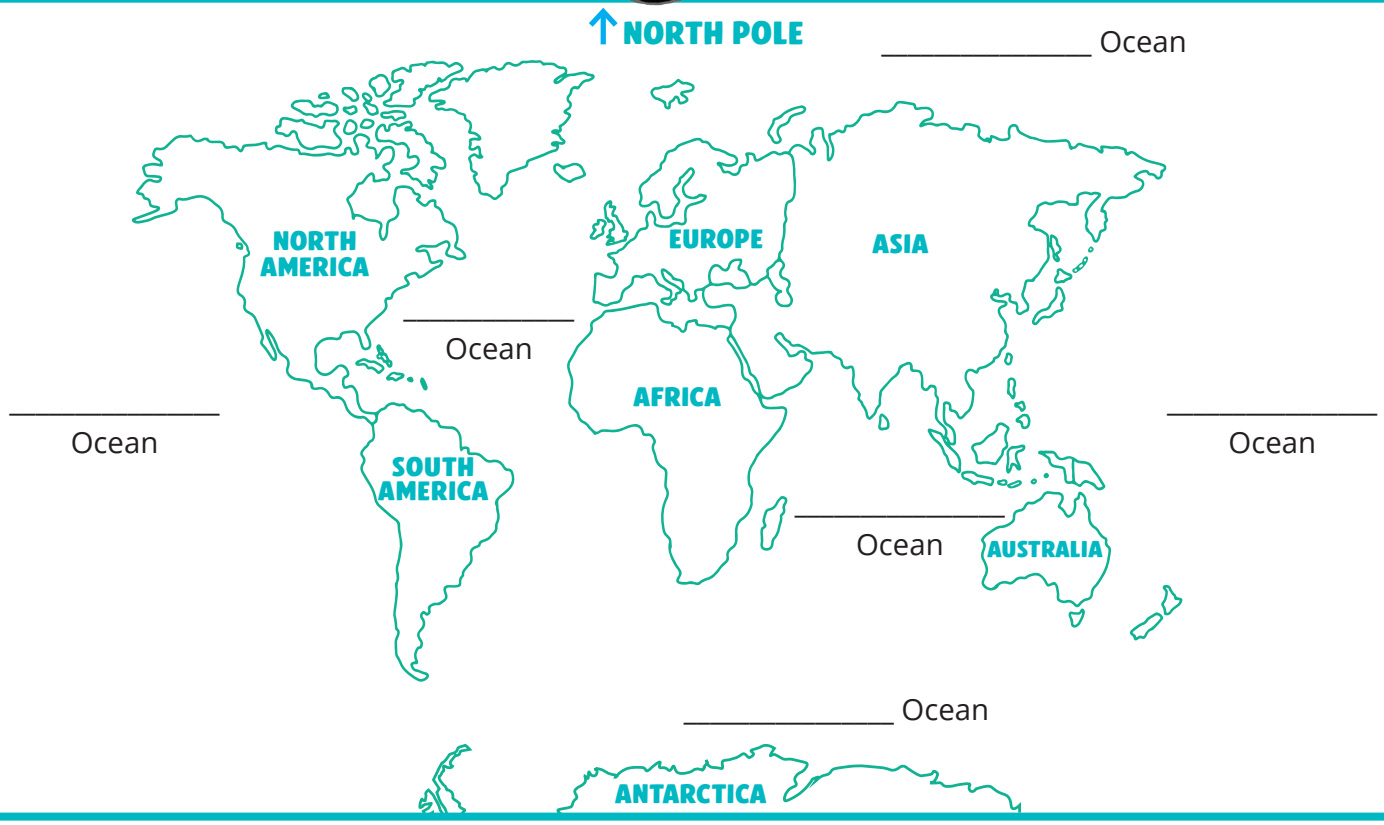
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Mapping Our Oceans



Keel is the youngest member of the Ocean Rangers. Captain Sandy and team are teaching him about the ocean and how to protect everyone and everything in it.



Part 1: Keel needs your help to finish his map of the world's oceans. Follow the clues to find, color, and label each ocean.

1. Find the ocean at the very top of the map. This is the **Arctic Ocean**. Color it **blue** and write the name.
2. Find the ocean that is on both sides of this map, but is all one ocean! It touches North and South America on the left side of the map. It also touches Asia and Australia on the right side of the map. This is the **Pacific Ocean**, the largest ocean in the world. Color it **green** and write the name.
3. Find the ocean that touches North and South America on one side and Europe and Africa on the other. This is the **Atlantic Ocean**. Color it **yellow** and write the name.
4. Find the ocean that touches Africa, Asia, and Australia. This is the **Indian Ocean**. Color it **orange** and write the name.
5. Find the ocean at the very bottom of the map surrounding Antarctica. This is the **Southern Ocean**. Color it **purple** and write the name.

Part 2: Can you find Florida on this map? Draw a heart on it.

Which ocean is next to Florida? _____

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Oceans and Us

Join Pulpo as he explores all the ways oceans help people every day!



Part 1: Read the message below.

Hi friends! It's Pulpo! I spend lots of time in the galley aboard the Ocean Rangers' ship, so I know the ocean gives us plenty of good food to eat, like **fish** and **shrimp**.

Out on deck, I can spot **ferries** and **cargo ships** that move people and goods across the water. This is known as *transportation*.

I also see people **swimming** and **surfing** for fun and recreation!

And here's something that might surprise you: Scientists study ocean **plants** and **animals** to help make new medicines. The ocean is important to people in so many ways!

Part 2: Look at the chart below. Write each word in the word box in the correct column. Add your own words to the chart too.

Word Bank

animals cargo ships ferries fish plants shrimp surfing swimming

Transportation	Recreation	Food	Medicine
How do we travel across the ocean?	How do we use the ocean for fun?	What foods come from the ocean?	What in the ocean is used to make medicine?
			

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On the Job!



Ahoy, Ocean Rangers! Captain Sandy here. Did you know there are many jobs that have to do with the ocean?

Part 1: Read about the jobs below. These jobs are all different, but they all have one thing in common — the ocean!



A **marine meteorologist** studies weather over the ocean.



A **commercial fisher** catches fish and other seafood for people to eat.



An **aquaculture farmer** raises fish, shellfish, and other sea animals for food.



A **marine biologist** studies ocean plants and animals.



A ship **captain** guides a ship and keeps the crew safe.



A **marine ecotour guide** takes people on ocean trips and teaches them about the animals they see.

Part 2:

Which ocean career would you choose? Imagine yourself "at work" and then draw a picture of yourself in that role. How can you help our oceans?

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