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Checking For Trustworthiness

Directions: Read each short passage carefully. Decide if the **source** of the information seems **Trustworthy** or **Not Trustworthy**. Write down your choice in the blanks and briefly explain your reasoning. Remember to think about the author's background, the type of publication, the use of evidence, and possible bias.

Passage 1 → _____

Dr. Amelia Chen, a marine biologist with 20 years of research experience, published an article in *Marine Ecology Journal* in 2022. Her study included data from five different ocean regions and measured how rising sea temperatures affect coral reefs. The article contained graphs, detailed references, and a bibliography of sources.

Passage 2 → _____

An online post titled "*Secrets of the Ocean They Don't Want You to Know!*" was published on a website called *OceanMystics.com*. The author, who uses the nickname "WaveWatcher," claimed that coral reefs are not actually dying but transforming into a "new hidden form of life." No data, expert sources, or scientific references were included.

Passage 3 → _____

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released a 2023 report on ocean health. The report included satellite data, long-term studies, and recommendations for protecting marine ecosystems. The report was available for free on the agency's official government website.
