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## Indian Ocean Connections

**Directions:** Read each prompt about human interaction with the Indian Ocean. Write thoughtful responses using details, examples, and clear explanations.

1. Humans depend on the Indian Ocean in many ways. Describe at least two examples of how people rely on the ocean for daily life, jobs, or resources. Explain why each example is important.
2. Fishing is a major activity in the Indian Ocean. Explain how responsible fishing can help protect marine species. Then describe what might happen if fishing is not managed carefully.
3. Trade across the Indian Ocean has connected regions for thousands of years. Explain how modern trade across this ocean supports global communities today.
4. Tourism in Indian Ocean regions can both help and harm local environments. Describe one positive impact of tourism and one negative impact. Explain which impact you think has the biggest long term effect and why.
5. Many countries are working to protect the Indian Ocean. Write about one environmental concern such as pollution, coral reef damage, or warming waters. Explain how human actions can either improve the situation or make it worse.