

## Pacific Wonders Answer Key

1. It is the largest ocean on Earth and covers more area than all the land combined.
2. It is between Asia and Australia on one side and North and South America on the other.
3. Students may list islands, deep trenches, underwater volcanoes, calm waters, or powerful waves.
4. Scientists study it to learn about its plants, animals, and underwater volcanoes.
5. Answers will vary but should reflect a detail from the passage such as its size, its location, or the Mariana Trench.

### Teacher's Guide

**Purpose:** Support students in reading comprehension while building foundational geography knowledge about the Pacific Ocean.

### Tips for Use

- Encourage students to underline key details such as size, location, and special features while reading.
- Remind students to restate part of the question in their answers to strengthen complete sentence writing.

### Differentiation

- Provide struggling readers with vocabulary support for words like **continent**, **trench**, and **scientists**.
- Allow advanced students to write an additional paragraph about why oceans are important to life on Earth.
- Offer read aloud support for students who benefit from hearing the passage.

### Engagement Ideas

- Show students a world map and ask them to point out the Pacific Ocean.
- Let students compare the Pacific to another ocean they have learned about.