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## Understand Precise Vocabulary

### Practice

Read the paragraph below. Then write the meaning of each word in dark type and the context clues that helped you figure out its meaning. Write your answers on the lines and then print out this page.

The ocean is **massive**. It covers about two-thirds of Earth. The ocean is also deep—very deep. The ocean’s average depth is more than 2 miles (3 kilometers). At its deepest, it goes down nearly 7 miles (11 kilometers). That’s taller than Mount Everest.

Think of a place where animals live. You might think of a forest or grassland. But what about the ocean? In fact, the ocean makes up most of Earth’s habitat. But to this day, most of the deep ocean has never been **investigated**. It is difficult for explorers to reach such great depths.

For centuries, people thought that the bottom of the deep ocean was **desolate**. It is very cold in the deep, dark ocean. No light reaches the bottom. And water is heavy. All that water presses down hard on the sea floor. How could anything live down there?

But then scientists began exploring the deep. What they found shocked them. On the deep sea floor, they discovered a world beyond their wildest imagination. It is a strange world teeming with **bizarre** life.

1. **massive** Definition:

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Context clues:

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## Part 2 READING: INFORMATIONAL TEXT

2.2 Craft and Structure

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2. **investigated** Definition:

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Context clues:

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3. **desolate** Definition:

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Context clues:

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4. **bizarre** Definition:

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Context clues:

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