

Let's Write an Article

An activity of "The ocean needs protection".

In the May 2023 issue of *What's Up*, you'll find two ocean stories. "The ocean needs protection" (page 13) features an interview with a researcher on the state of the ocean and its importance to our lives. "How and why some sea creatures light up" (pages 16-17) has another researcher share her findings about deep-ocean creatures.

YOUR TASK

Imagine you are a student reporter for your school newspaper.

Write a news article about why the ocean is important to us and what we can do to keep it healthy.

Refer to the two stories for your article.

In your article, include the following key information:

- Two reasons why the ocean is important to us
- Two actions taken by humans to help the ocean
- One example of a marine creature that is being endangered by human activities
- What your readers can do to help the ocean

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Before you start, it is good to have a plan.

1. First, read the two stories carefully, underlining the parts that you think are relevant to your article. Note them down onto a piece of paper using bullet points.
2. Then, organise the points into the following structure:
 - Introduction
 - Body (at least three paragraphs!)
 - Conclusion
3. Next, come up with a short and punchy headline for your article. Remember to write your byline (your name) below the headline!
4. Finally, start writing based on your notes.

