



Conservation Tales: Manatees Guide Reading Questions



Teacher Version

Fill in the blank

1. There are _____ different kinds of manatees around the world. **(4)**
2. One of the main problems for manatees happens when _____. **(boats hit them)**
3. Algae blooms happen when there is too much _____ in the water. **(fertilizer)**
4. The red tide algae make a _____ that can kill fish, _____, and _____.
(toxin, dolphins, manatees)

Multiple Choice

1. Where do manatees live?
 - A. Pond
 - B. Ocean**
 - C. River
2. Baby manatees stay with their mothers for about _____ years?
 - A. 3
 - B. 2**
 - C. 5
3. You can help protect manatees by doing what?
 - A. avoiding dumping oils and other chemicals
 - B. Reducing the amount of fertilizer you use
 - C. Both A & B**

True/False

1. Manatees help measure the health of the river and the springs. **(True)**
2. Scars can not be used to identify the animal. **(False)**
3. Manatees have blood test to check the health of the manatee. **(True)**

Higher Level Thinking Questions

1. What is something you enjoyed about manatees?
2. What are some ways that you can play a role in environmental conservation?
3. How do you think you can help to protect manatees in your everyday life?