



Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions using details from the text.

The Dead Sea: Earth's Salty Floating Wonder



Have you ever heard of a sea where you can float without even trying? That's the amazing Dead Sea! This special body of water is found far away, between the countries of Jordan and Israel. It's not like other oceans or lakes you might know.

The Dead Sea gets its name because it is incredibly salty. Its water is about ten times saltier than the regular ocean! All that salt comes from minerals in the ground and from rivers that flow into it but have no way out. When the sun shines brightly, water evaporates, but the salt stays behind, making it even saltier.



Because it has so much salt, the water in the Dead Sea is very thick, or dense. This density makes it super easy for people to float on top! You can lie back and read a book without sinking at all. It feels like magic, but it's just science at work.

Even with its fun floating, the Dead Sea is called "dead" for a reason. Almost no fish or plants can live in its extremely salty water. The salt is too much for most living things. But for humans, it's a wonderful place to visit and experience a truly unique natural wonder.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) What is the main idea of this passage?



- A The Dead Sea is famous for being incredibly salty, which lets people float.
- B The Dead Sea is located between Jordan and Israel.
- C Oceans and seas are important parts of Earth.
- D Many kinds of fish live in the Dead Sea.

(2) Which detail best supports the main idea?

- A Its water is ten times saltier than the ocean, making it easy to float.
- B The Dead Sea is found far away.
- C Almost no fish or plants can live in its water.
- D The Dead Sea is shrinking over time.

(3) What would be the best title for this passage?

- A The Dead Sea: Earth's Salty Floating Pool
- B Water Between Countries
- C Why Fish Cannot Live
- D Visiting Salty Places

(4) Which sentence does NOT belong in this passage?

- A The Dead Sea is much saltier than other oceans.
- B People can easily float on its surface.
- C No fish or plants can live in its super salty water.
- D The Dead Sea is also the lowest place on Earth's land.

(5) Write the main idea in your own words. Include one detail from the passage.



