

- Read the Vocabulary Words and their definitions. Then write the Vocabulary Word that best completes each sentence.

gauge: an instrument used for measuring or testing

dissipate: to break up and disappear

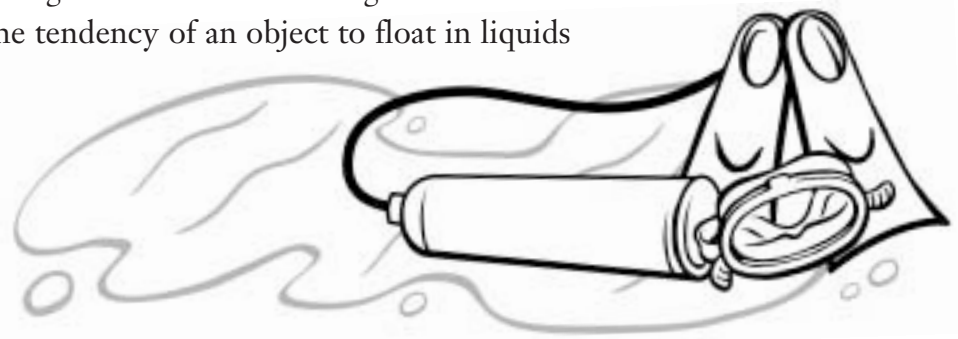
salvage: relating to the saving of a ship or any of its possessions

abounded: was plentiful or in full supply

diversity: variety

acoustic: relating to the sense of hearing or sound

buoyancy: the tendency of an object to float in liquids



1. The scuba divers were able to _____ silverware and china from the sunken ship's dining room.
 2. Divers use a _____ to check their depth in the water.
 3. After filling with water, the ship lost its _____ and sank.
 4. As the air bubbles reached the surface, they began to _____.
 5. The rooms in the sunken ship _____ with fish.
 6. The divers were surprised by the sea life's _____ of colors and sizes.
 7. Unlike fish, people do not have the good _____ ability to hear underwater.
- Follow the directions. Use the Vocabulary Words in your sentences.

8. Write a sentence describing an object that has good **buoyancy**.

9. Write a sentence about what you would like to discover in an underwater **salvage** operation. _____

- **Read the paragraph. Circle the letter of the best answer to each question. The underlined sentence will help you answer question 3.**

Scuba diving is the most exciting of all water sports. The waters off the islands in the Caribbean Sea are the best for underwater exploration. There are hundreds of different species of fish and many kinds of marine life in the deep, clear waters. Some, in fact, haven't even been identified yet by scientists. To explore properly, it is essential to have the proper scuba-diving equipment. A pair of flippers, an oxygen tank, a mask, and a wetsuit are very important. Flippers are the most difficult to get used to. They feel weird, and they make walking extremely difficult!



- 1 Which of these is a fact about scuba diving?

A It is the most exciting water sport.
B Proper equipment is needed to dive.
C Flippers feel weird.
D The Caribbean Sea is beautiful.

**Tip**

A *fact* can be proven to be true. Choose the sentence with information that can be proven correct.

- 2 Which of these shows the author's opinion?

F Many species of fish live in the ocean.
G One needs equipment to scuba dive.
H Some species of fish are unknown.
J Flippers are hard to get used to.

**Tip**

An *opinion* is what someone thinks or feels. Choose the sentence that describes a personal feeling.

- 3 Which fact does NOT support the author's opinion that the Caribbean is the best place for underwater exploring?

A Hundreds of kinds of fish swim there.
B The waters are deep and clear.
C Good equipment is very important.
D Many kinds of marine life can be seen in the waters.

**Tip**

All the statements are true. Which one is true about diving anywhere, not just in the Caribbean?



SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION Find an interesting newspaper or magazine article. Read the article with your child, and make a list of facts and opinions that you find.

Name _____

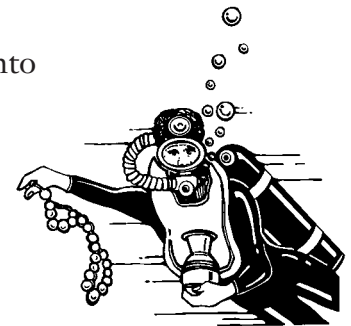
HOMEWORK

Dive!

**Denotation/
Connotation**

- Read each incomplete sentence. Then follow the instruction in parentheses (). Fill in the word with the most positive or the most negative meaning.

- Brian has been _____ all his life. **(positive)**
adventurous **reckless**
- He and his brother, Mark, like underwater exploration, even though many people consider it _____. **(negative)**
adventurous **dangerous**
- Brian is _____ that he can become a good diver. **(positive)**
sure **overconfident**
- Last week Brian _____ confidently into a scuba diving store. **(positive)**
crept **strode**
- He tried to pick up an oxygen tank, but he lost his grip, and it _____ on the floor. **(negative)**
thudded **dropped**
- All of the salesclerks _____ at Brian. **(negative)**
gazed **glared**
- “Sorry about that,” Brian _____. **(negative)**
muttered **declared**
- Brian heard one of the clerks whisper, “He’s too _____ to be carrying all of that heavy equipment.” **(negative)**
small **puny**
- Fortunately, that experience didn’t dim Brian’s _____ spirit. **(positive)**
bold **reckless**
- Brian believes that being _____ will make it easier for him to maneuver in the water. **(positive)**
skinny **slender**



SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION Read a few paragraphs from a newspaper story, and underline several words. Have your child identify each word as having a positive or negative connotation. Have him or her think of substitutes for the underlined words. Do they change the meaning?