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Ocean Zones

In "Jellyfish Alert!" (page 13), you read about jellyfish, one of many animals found in the world's seas. When scientists study the oceans and their marine life, they often refer to the five zones. Each zone receives a different amount of sunlight. Conditions (such as temperature) change from one zone to another. This chart shows the ocean's five zones, in order from the surface. Use the chart to answer the questions below.

Sunlit Zone 0 feet-656 feet	This zone gets the most sunlight, making plants plentiful. Common animals here include seals, sea turtles, sea lions, manta rays, and sharks.
Twilight Zone 656 feet-3,280 feet	Only dim light reaches this region of the ocean. Here, no plants grow. Residents of this zone include jellyfish, octopuses, and squid.
Midnight Zone 3,280 feet-13,123 feet	This area of the deep sea doesn't get any sunlight. Some of the animals that live here lack eyes. Viperfish, anglerfish, snipe eel, and tripod fish can be found in this zone.
Abyss 13,123 feet-19,685 feet	The abyss is often used to describe the deep sea in general. But the abyss is also a zone far down in the ocean. Most creatures living here lack a backbone, like sea spiders. Other residents include blind shrimp and hagfish.
Hadal Zone 19,685 feet-36,197 feet	Extreme depths of this ocean zone are found mostly in deep-water trenches and canyons. Water temperatures are barely above freezing. Still, some life exists here, including sea cucumbers.

SOURCE: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

1. **Which ocean zone gets the most sunlight?**
   Ⓐ The Abyss Ⓒ Sunlit Zone
   Ⓑ Hadal Zone Ⓓ Twilight Zone
2. **Which ocean zone is located right above the Midnight Zone?**
   Ⓐ The Abyss Ⓒ Sunlit Zone
   Ⓑ Hadal Zone Ⓓ Twilight Zone
3. **In which ocean zone would one be at a depth of 4,000 feet?**
   Ⓐ Hadal Zone Ⓒ Sunlit Zone
   Ⓑ Midnight Zone Ⓓ Twilight Zone
4. **In which of the five zones would you most likely find a jellyfish?**
   Ⓐ The Abyss Ⓒ Midnight Zone
   Ⓑ Hadal Zone Ⓓ Twilight Zone
5. **Which of the following creatures is most likely to be found in the Sunlit Zone?**
   Ⓐ blind shrimp Ⓒ sea cucumber
   Ⓑ viperfish Ⓓ sea turtle
6. **Which ocean zone is made up mostly of trenches and canyons?**
   Ⓐ The Abyss Ⓒ Midnight Zone
   Ⓑ Hadal Zone Ⓓ Sunlit Zone
7. **Which ocean zone contains plenty of plant life?**
   Ⓐ The Abyss Ⓒ Sunlit Zone
   Ⓑ Hadal Zone Ⓓ Twilight Zone
8. **Which of the five ocean zones reaches the greatest depth?**
   Ⓐ The Abyss Ⓒ Midnight Zone
   Ⓑ Hadal Zone Ⓓ Twilight Zone

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