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How important is the sea?



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ሰላም! የተለያዩ ርእሰ ጉዳዮችን እያነሳን፣ እንዴት በእንግሊዘኛ እንደሚገለጹ ወደምንማርበት የEnglish Together ዝግጅት እንኳን በደህና መጡ። ምህረተሰላሴ እባላለሁ። አብረውኝ ደግሞ. . .

Phil

Hi, I'm Phil!

Sam

And I'm Sam, hello.

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ለ ሰባ ሰባት በመቶ

ሐ ዘጠና ሰባት በመቶ

ምን ይመስልሃል ፊል?

Phil

I'm going to go for b). The sea's big, but 97% sounds very high.

Sam

No, I think 97% sounds about right, so I'll go for c).

Phil

Hmm, but that's almost all the water in the world. If it was almost all the water, I'm sure we'd pay more attention to it.

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News presenter

Professor Edward Hill is on the line, who's Executive Director of the National Oceanography Centre. Morning to you.

Guest

Good morning...

...Firstly, I think it's just important to recognise the many hidden ways in which the sea affects our lives, everything from our weather and climate, which is hugely dominated by the sea. 93% of all excess heat absorbed by the earth is in the ocean somewhere, climate change is really an ocean problem on the long term, right through to the fact that 95% of all our trade comes from the sea, 95% of all of our internet traffic is by submarine fibre-optic cable, so there's a whole raft of these things that are unseen.

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Phil

The sea's great! I love to go and lie on a beach, but that's the only time I really think about it – it's just a great place for a holiday.

Sam

Is that really the only time you think about it?

Phil

Yeah and I hope they keep it clean so that I can swim in it!

Sam

Were you not listening to the professor just then? The sea is so important for so many other reasons. It moderates the world's climate.

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'Moderates' ማርገብ ማለት ነው። የአየር ንብረት ለውጥ በኢትዮጵያ ላይ የሚያሳድረውን ተጽእኖ ባህር እንደሚያረግበው ልብ ይሏል። So if the sea is moderating our climate, it affects us every day.

Sam

So maybe you should be thinking about the sea every day!

Phil

Look, I live in England, I try to ignore the climate as much as I can. That's why I can't wait to go on holiday somewhere warm and lie by the sea.

Sam

But it's not just the climate and weather that the sea is important for – think about how many of the things you buy are imports – and most of them come on ships – so the sea is vital to international commerce.

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Phil

Well, if big companies want to commercialise the sea, let them do it – it's not my problem.

Sam

There's more than that, you know.

Phil

Really?

Sam

Well, yes. You're online a lot – the professor said that most internet traffic goes through undersea cables – so global connectivity depends on the oceans, as well.

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'Connectivity' ትስስር ማለት ነው። Sounds like the sea is pretty important...

Phil

Maybe you've got a point. I should mention I quite like eating fish.

Sam

...and they are just one kind of marine wildlife.

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'Marine' ከባህር ጋር የተያያዙ ነገሮችን የሚገልጽ ቃል ነው። So marine wildlife includes things like ኢትዮጵያ ውስጥ ከሚኖሩ የባህር ውስጥ እንስሳት አርጃኖ አንዱ ነው።

Sam

Yes, fish are just one kind of marine wildlife, there's a whole ecosystem under the sea which has to be protected to make sure that we can catch fish to eat.

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Sam

I told you it was important!

Phil

Wow, yeah 97% of the world's water, I can see why marine conservation is so important.

Sam

Mhm, the oceans moderate our climate, carry much of our trade, provide food and have internet cables pass through them.

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