

The Ocean's Landscape

When you think of the word “landscape,.” what images come to mind? Perhaps you imagine rolling hills, large oak trees and a giant rock. When you think of the word “ocean,.” what comes to mind? My guess is that most of you are thinking, “Water, of course!.” and that very few of you are thinking: “Rolling hills, large oak trees, and a giant rock.” Am I right? You might be interested to know earth’s oceans have very complex landscapes! Underneath all of that water there are rolling hills, giant rocks, and many varieties of large plants. Perhaps instead of landscapes we should call them oceanscapes!

Look at my drawing of myself and my island. My name is Emily, and I live on the small island of “Emilyland.” Now, draw your own picture of the ocean’s landscape! What will you draw in your oceanscape?

Be Sure To Include:

The landscape under the water.

Include one island and name it!

The surface of the ocean. Any ripples or waves?

One surface boat or ship.

At least two people. Are you in the scene?

The sky Can you see the sun, clouds, or signs of an approaching storm?

At least three fish. This is an ocean, after all!

Some form of plant life

You Might Also Include:

A shipwreck.

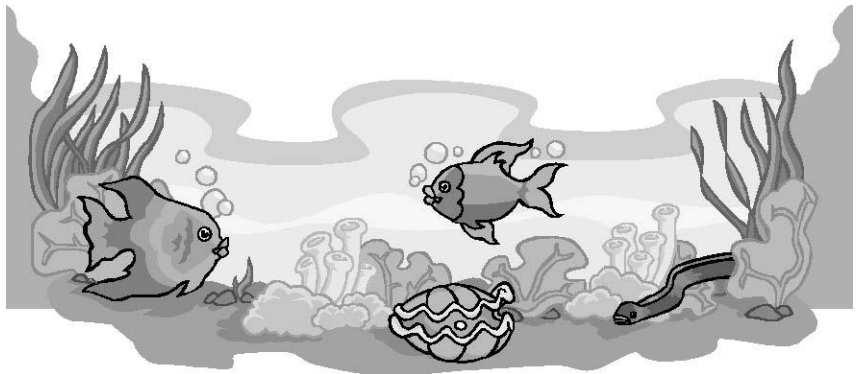
A giant whale.

A lost city.

A submarine.

A diver.

A variety of fish! Other objects that might be found on the ocean floor!



So, how does your picture look? Are there any landmasses just below the surface of the water? Sailors use charts of the ocean to avoid these dangers! Can you imagine how many things a sailor has to think about? I can think of many things a sailor must consider. Can you think of five different ones?

