

'MOBY-DUCK': WHEN 28,800 BATH TOYS ARE LOST AT SEA

In the following conversation you are going to hear some new words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

to end up: resultar

deck: coberta / cubierta

to stack: apilar

to maneuver: maniobrar, operar

Ready?

Now read the questions on the following page. Read them carefully before listening to the conversation.

Presenter: This is *Fresh Air*, our weekly program devoted to the environment. What happens when 28,000 rubber ducks and other bath toys are accidentally dumped into the ocean? Where do the ocean currents take them, and what environmental impact do the ducks and other ocean junk have on the seas? That's what our guest, the journalist Donovan Hahn, investigated in his book *Moby-Duck: The True Story of 28,800 Bath Toys Lost at Sea and the Beachcombers, Oceanographers, Environmentalists, and Fools, Including the Author, Who Went in Search of Them*.

[Now listen to the interview.]

QUESTIONS

Choose the best answer according to the recording. Only ONE answer is correct.

[3 points: 0.375 points for each correct answer. Wrong answers will be penalized by deducting 0.125 points. There is no penalty for unanswered questions.]

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		Correcta	Incorrecta	No contestada
1.	Where were the lost toy ducks first found? <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska. <input type="checkbox"/> Canada. <input type="checkbox"/> China. <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	How long did it take the first rubber ducks to surface on a beach after their container was lost at sea? <input type="checkbox"/> Only three months. <input type="checkbox"/> About a year and a half. <input type="checkbox"/> Four years. <input type="checkbox"/> Almost six years.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	How many containers with rubber ducks and other toys were lost at sea? <input type="checkbox"/> 12. <input type="checkbox"/> 407. <input type="checkbox"/> Hundreds and hundreds. <input type="checkbox"/> Over 28,000.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Which of the following best describes the cargo ships discussed in the conversation? <input type="checkbox"/> They regularly go through the Panama Canal. <input type="checkbox"/> They mainly navigate between North America and South America. <input type="checkbox"/> They carry hundreds of containers above and below deck. <input type="checkbox"/> They almost always drop some containers in the sea.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Which of the following statements is TRUE? <input type="checkbox"/> Large ships are better able to navigate in storms than smaller ships. <input type="checkbox"/> The ship lost the toys in the Graveyard of the Pacific. <input type="checkbox"/> The weather in the North Pacific is so good that few wrecks occur. <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing ships in the 19 th century did not cross the Pacific.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	What do we know for certain about the accident that resulted in the loss of rubber ducks at sea? <input type="checkbox"/> It occurred at night. <input type="checkbox"/> It occurred during the day. <input type="checkbox"/> It occurred because of an error by the ship's captain. <input type="checkbox"/> It occurred when there were high waves.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	We can deduce from the conversation that the toys were originally <input type="checkbox"/> packed in plastic bags. <input type="checkbox"/> packed in cardboard boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> not individually packed. <input type="checkbox"/> made out of cardboard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Which of the following is NOT mentioned as an important source of plastics in the oceans? <input type="checkbox"/> Waste from coastal cities. <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing fleets. <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage dumps. <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise ships.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>