

5. How much more water than land is there on the Earth?

A. There is at least three times more.

6. What is the name given to the chief part of the water on the surface of the earth?

A. The Sea, or Ocean.

7. Is the water of the Ocean salt or fresh?

A. It is salt.

8. How does the Ocean appear?

A. Blue and boundless, like the sky.

9. How wide is it?

A. In some places, 10,000 miles wide; in others, 3000 and 4000, so that ships may sail for weeks, and even months, without coming to land.

10. In what way does the Ocean benefit mankind?

A. It furnishes an abode for innumerable fishes, which are the means of supplying millions of mankind with food and employment: besides this, the ocean renders intercourse between distant countries easy and rapid.

11. For what purpose do ships sail on the Ocean?

A. They carry the productions of our own country to other parts of the world, and bring back in return things that are useful to us.

12. What do our ships take to other countries?

A. They take cotton, flour, tobacco, rice, and many other articles.

13. What do they bring back in return?

A. From some countries, they bring woollen, cotton, and silk goods, which are useful to us for clothing; from some, coffee and sugar; and from others, gold and silver.

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14. What is the trade carried on by ships called?

A. It is called Commerce, and is highly useful to mankind.

15. How is it useful?

A. It gives employment to vast numbers of men; and by it we become acquainted with other parts of the Earth.

16. In what other way does the Ocean benefit mankind?

A. The vapour or fog which rises from the ocean, forms rain, which waters the earth, and fills our springs and rivers.