

Video: Report Units 7–9

The Gulf Coast

Before You Watch

Answer the questions.

1. Do you know where the Gulf of Mexico is?
2. What kind of wildlife do you think lives there?
3. Do you think it might be a tourist destination? Why / Why not?

Comprehension Check

1. Watch the Report. Choose the correct answers.

1. What kind of industries are there in the Gulf of Mexico?
 - a. Fishing and oil.
 - b. Adventure sports.
 - c. Banking and finance.
2. When was the explosion on the BP oil platform?
 - a. In January 2010.
 - b. In April 2010.
 - c. In September 2010.
3. Why have the fishermen there stopped fishing?
 - a. They're too poor.
 - b. They lost their boats in the explosion.
 - c. There aren't many fish in the ocean anymore.

2. Watch the Report again. Check (✓) the words you hear.

Countries		U.S. States	
the United States	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Bahamas	<input type="checkbox"/>
the United Kingdom	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chile	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cuba	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uruguay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Texas	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Oregon	<input type="checkbox"/>
		California	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Alabama	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Louisiana	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Florida	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Mississippi	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Watch the Report again. Read the questions and complete the answers.

1. How many U.S. states does the Gulf Coast include? It includes five states.
2. What kind of habitats are there in the Gulf Coast? There are inlets, bays, and _____.
3. How many gallons of oil leaked into the ocean? Over 200 _____ gallons.
4. Why don't tourists come to the beaches anymore? Because _____ has polluted the beaches.

4. Watch the Report again. Circle T (true) or F (false).

1. The Gulf Coast is a large stretch of coastline. (T) / F
2. There are nearly 40,000 oil platforms along the coastline. T / F
3. The explosion killed eleven men. T / F
4. It took five weeks to stop the oil leaking into the ocean. T / F
5. Tourism is important to the local economy. T / F
6. BP has cleaned all the oil from the coast. T / F

Language Check

5.  Look at the chart. Then watch the Language Check.

have to / has to
They also have to help restore the local economy ...
must
BP ... must pay for cleaning programs all over the Gulf.
might
... the effects on local sea life might get worse.
be supposed to
These fishermen are supposed to be out on the ocean ...

6. Complete the statements with the correct words.

- The U.S. government has said the oil company has to / **might** help the local economy.
- We think the effects on local sea life **must** / **might** get worse.
- BP has an obligation. They **must** / **might** clean up the environment.
- There **might** / **has to** be more environmental disasters in the future.
- We **might** / **must** work together to stop more disasters.
- Do they **have to** / **must** organize all the cleaning programs?

- 7 Complete the statements with the correct words below.

be clean look after pollute put recycle

- The fishermen are supposed to be in their boats on the ocean.
- People are supposed to _____ their garbage in the bin.
- The oil company is supposed to _____ the dirty beaches.
- We aren't supposed to _____ our oceans and rivers.
- We're supposed to _____ and care for our environment.
- People are supposed to _____ their glass bottles and cans.

About You!

8. Answer the questions about you.

- What kinds of environmental problems do you think this explosion has created?
- Do you think it's BP's responsibility? Why / Why not?
- What do you think BP should do?
