

When Swifty and Gus arrived at BlueTown, it was like a sapphire gem  
The water was crystal blue and seemed to go on and on without an end

They put on their swim gear and dove right in to find Shelly  
But not before first enjoying the water, swimming and splashing happily

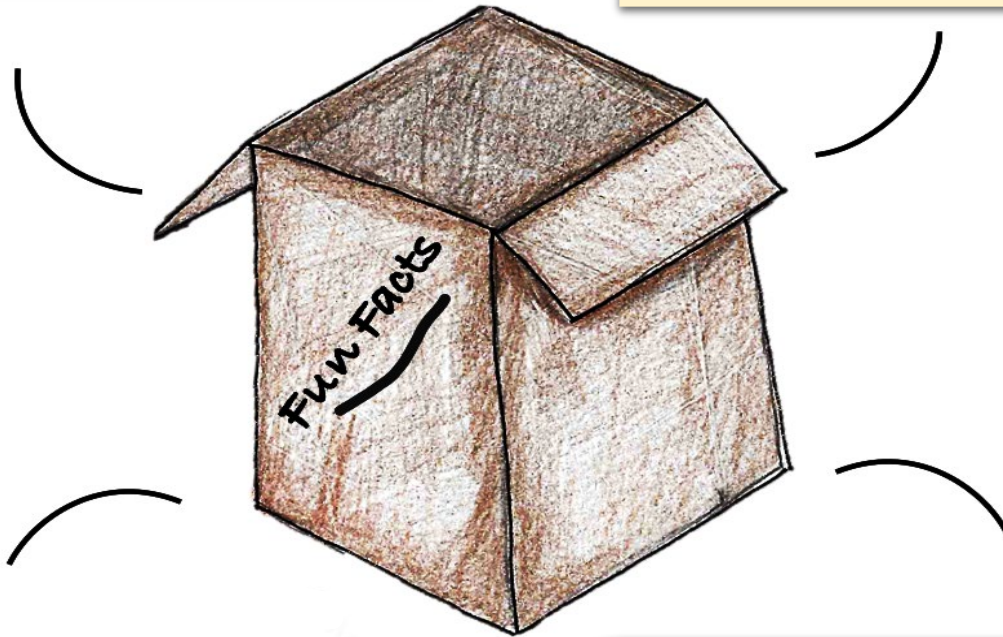


# Knowledge Box: Pacific Ocean

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The Pacific Ocean is considered the largest Ocean, covering almost 1/3 of the Earth's surface. There are between 20,000 and 30,000 islands in the Pacific and it spans 60 million square miles!

It is also the deepest Ocean, with an average depth of 13,000 feet, twice that of the Atlantic Ocean.



The Pacific Ocean is home to 2 of the 5 largest "gyres" or circular water currents. Gyres function to redistribute heat from the sun as well as key nutrients to the Ocean's inhabitants.

Move over, Mt. Everest. Did you know that the Mauna Kea in the Pacific Ocean is the world's tallest mountain, standing over 33,500 ft (compared to Mt. Everest at 29,029 ft)? Another difference—most of Mauna Kea is underwater.