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Below The Surface

Ocean: noun: The vast body of water that covers almost three fourths of the earth's surface.

A boring borderline description of what our oceans are, but it's not just a body of water it's a whole other world. What is the ocean? Well lets start from where we stand, with sand between our toes, the ocean waves, sending a gleaming bright hello. Its cold touch pierces your skin, but somehow draws you in. As you walk further into its being, you start to experience the wonders of the sea. Peering deeper into the marine with every gliding step, the piercing cold water is about to take over. We've reached our limit as the waves crash above our heads. The little creatures that swim around us is all that seems to exist. We have more common sense, and know there are plenty more, but what we don't know is how many? Where are they? What do they look like?

As we stand frozen looking over the ocean that disappears into the horizon, we wonder what life is like in the coral reef, the pitch black caves, or in the middle of the deep blue sea. As we continue to live our lives, the creatures here live theirs wondering what is like, as they do the same. This vast body of ocean, has many things that have been seen as well as many things that have been unseen. Thats the beauty of nature not knowing the unknown, as we stand with sand between our toes overlooking the never ending ocean, all we can do is wonder what's beneath.