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READING SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions.

EXPLORING THE DEEP SEA

The deep sea is one of Earth's least explored places, with depths that sunlight cannot reach. Scientists have discovered strange and fascinating creatures there, such as the anglerfish, which has a light on its head to lure prey. The pressure in the deep sea is intense, making it challenging to explore. Special submarines, called submersibles, help scientists reach these depths and uncover secrets of the ocean floor. The discoveries in the deep sea are helping scientists understand more about life in extreme environments.

1. Why is the deep sea difficult for scientists to explore?

2. What adaptation does the anglerfish have to help it catch prey?

3. Define "submersible" and explain its role in deep-sea exploration.

4. Why is it important for scientists to explore the deep sea?
