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**“Saving Hawaiian Monk Seals” Questions**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Which of these statements best expresses the main idea of the passage?

a. Scientists are trying to find out what is causing the drop in the monk seal population.

b. Scientists are trying to end pollution in the waters around Hawaii.

c. Scientists are urging people to be more aware of the pollution they create.

d. Scientists are trying to learn about what the monk seal eats.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Choose two statements that best support question 1.

a. Twelve hundred monk seals live near Hawaii.

b. The monk seal population is expected to drop in the next 5 years.

c. Monk seals eat fish and octopus.

d. Many seal pups are not surviving until adulthood.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Choose one detail from the passage and describe how that detail supports the main idea.

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**“Saving Hawaiian Monk Seals” Answer Sheet**

\_Main Idea\_ 1. What is the main idea of this passage?

**a. Scientists are trying to find out what is causing the drop in the monk seal population.**

b. Scientists are trying to end pollution in the waters around Hawaii.

c. Scientists are urging people to be more aware of the pollution they create.

d. Scientists are trying to learn about what the monk seal eats.

\_Main Idea\_ 2. Choose two statements that best support question 1.

a. Twelve hundred monk seals live near Hawaii.

**b. The monk seal population is expected to drop in the next 5 years.**

c. Monk seals eat a lot of fish and octopus.

**d. Many seal pups are not surviving until adulthood.**

Main Idea 3. Choose one detail from the passage and describe how that detail supports the main idea.

Answers will vary. The students should write one detail and connect it to the main idea.

*Suggested Additional Vocabulary: monitor, pollution*