

# Bluefin Tuna Farms Come Under Fire



## Reading for Understanding: Fact or Opinion?

Read each statement below.

Circle F next to each statement that tells a fact.

Circle O next to each statement that tells an opinion.

- F  1. Tuna is a good source of protein and other healthful nutrients.
- F  2. All Japanese people love to eat sushi.
- F  3. Tuna must be a part of any healthful diet.
- F  4. About a dozen tuna farms can be found along the Mediterranean.
- F  5. Bluefin is raised on tuna farms in Australia and Mexico.
- F  6. Bluefin tuna farms should be shut down.
- F  7. Tuna on most farms are fed a diet of small fish.
- F  8. Setting up “No Take Zones” will solve the bluefin tuna problem.
- F  9. People should stop eating bluefin tuna.
- F  10. Some scientists are working to make a new food for tuna.

## Language Practice: Building Vocabulary

In each sentence, color the circle before the word that means most nearly the same as the underlined word.

- 1. Tuna is packed with protein and other healthful things.
  - a. wrapped
  - b. loaded
  - c. boxed
  - d. cooked
- 2. Tuna raised on Mediterranean tuna farms is shipped all around the world.
  - a. lifted
  - b. grown
  - c. gathered
  - d. bought
- 3. Once the farmed tuna is grown, it is shipped to stores and restaurants.
  - a. floated
  - b. sold
  - c. cooked
  - d. transported
- 4. It takes large quantities of small fish to fatten up a tuna.
  - a. diets
  - b. amounts
  - c. buckets
  - d. qualities
- 5. Some environmentalists want to stop new tuna farms from opening.
  - a. slow
  - b. quit
  - c. protect
  - d. prevent

## Reading for Meaning: What Does the Title Mean?

Which statement below best explains the meaning behind the title “Bluefin Tuna Farms Come Under Fire”?

- a. Bluefin tuna are being prepared for cooking and eating.
- b. Tuna farmers should be fired.
- c. Some people are speaking out against tuna farms.
- d. Some people attacked tuna fishing boats in order to protect tuna.