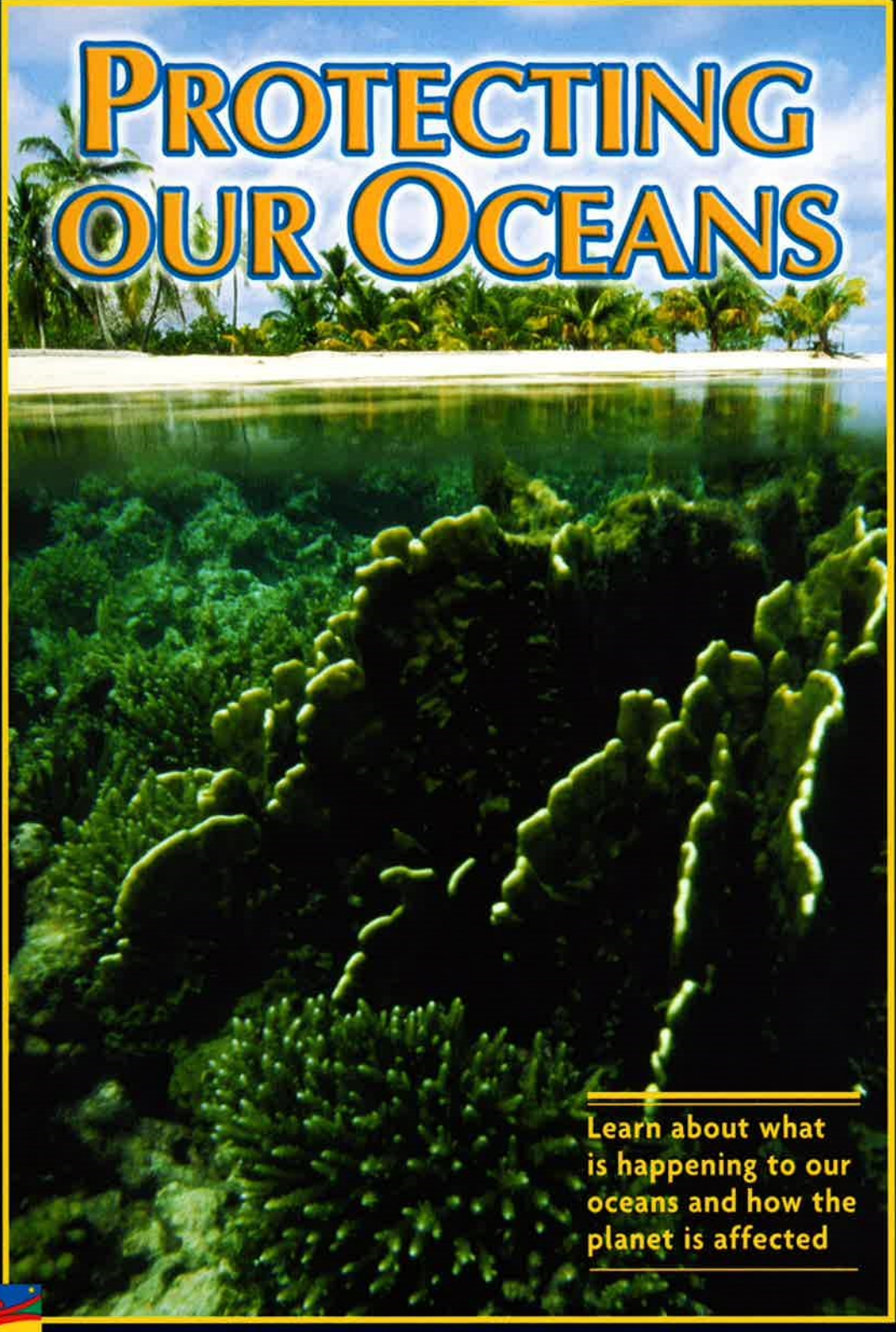
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bacteria	ecosystem	sewage
chemical	food chain	toxic
current	plankton	

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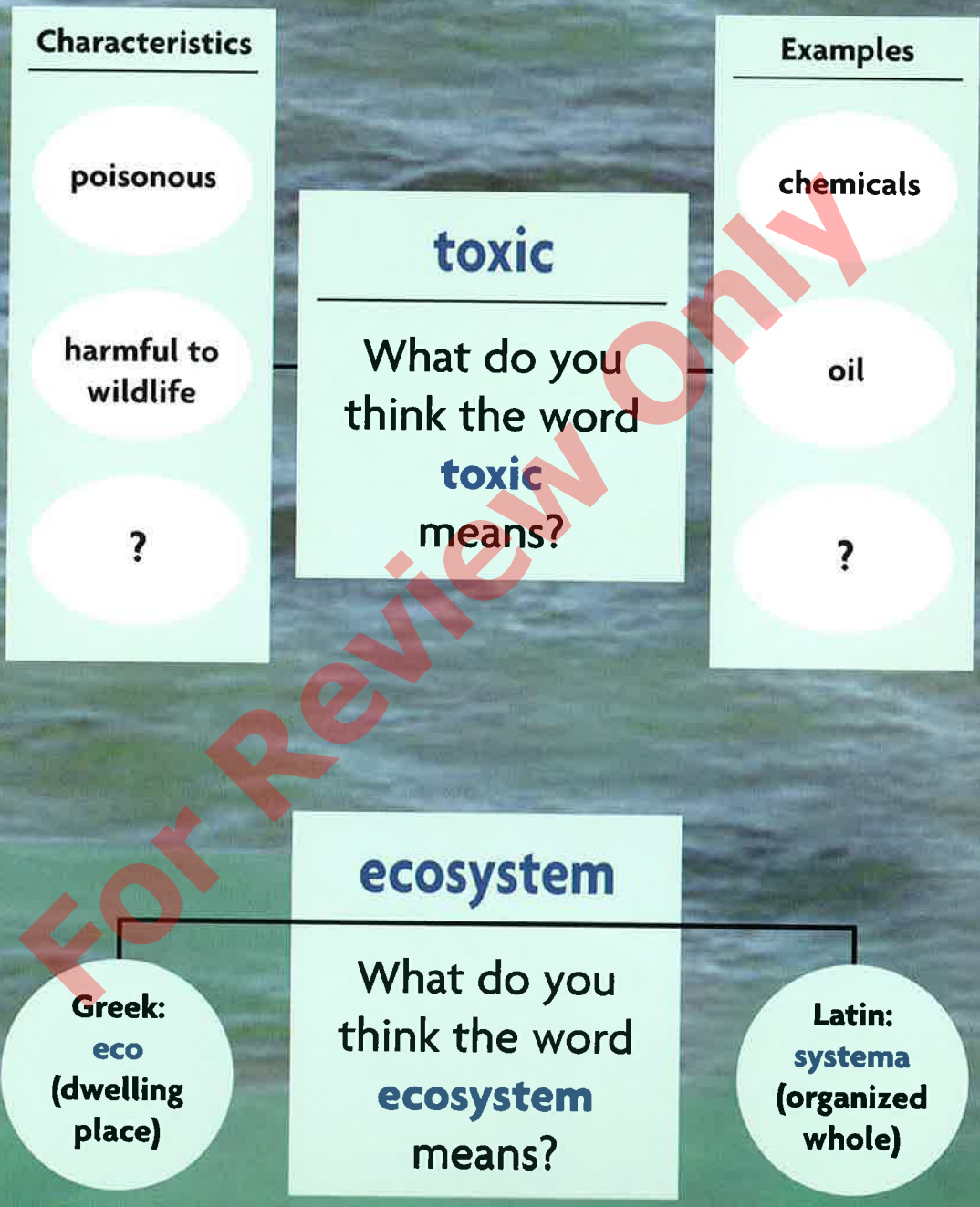






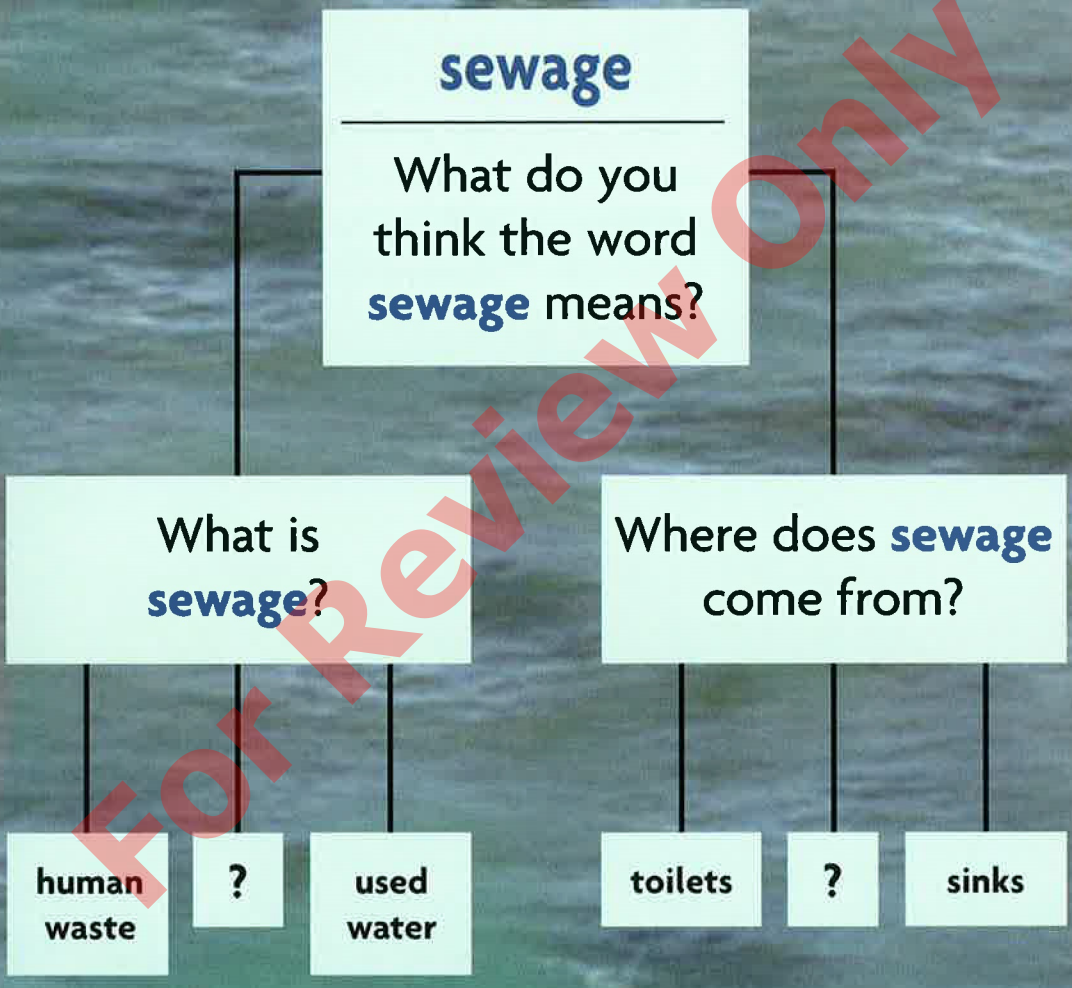
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Introduction

A powerful storm rages at sea. A tanker ship carrying oil begins to sink. Oil pours out of the ship. The oil forms a thick blanket in the water.

In hours, oil covers nearby plants and animals. The spill has **polluted** (puh-LOOT-ed), or dirtied, the water. The area will not be clean again for months or even years.



▲ This tanker's oil spill can harm ocean plants, animals, and seabirds.

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