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Cubetto is very excited because it is the first day of summer holidays.

His mum and dad have surprised him with a very special vacation, a trip in a submarine!

Marine is a word that describes the ocean and the things in it.

What types of plants and animals might be called “marine?”

Start at the compass. Move Cubetto south to the beach.
Once aboard the submarine, they will see and learn all about the ocean and the animals that live there.

They will also encounter large ships, strange creatures, and sunken treasures.

Most of Earth is covered with water. There is three times more water than land!

What other things might Cubetto see while crossing the ocean?

From the beach, make Cubetto sail to the large ocean liner.

![Image of a submarine and ocean scene]
First, they must take a small boat to get to the deep sea. Cubetto climbs aboard excited for the passage.

When they reach the submarine, everyone lines up as they enter the airlock.

ALL BELOW!

ℹ️ Oceans and seas are very salty. When water is not salty it is called fresh water.

❓ Where might we find fresh water?

⭐ From the ship, turn Cubetto around and swim to the large kelp (underwater plant).
Once below the waves, they pass through a very cold sea. Large blocks of ice float on the surface.

Out of his window pass all the animals that live in cold water. Schools of fish, large whales, and sea lions swim by.

- Blocks of ice that break off land are called icebergs. They can be as big as buildings!
- Where on the planet might be cold enough to create icebergs?
- From the kelp, steer Cubetto to the iceberg, but don’t hit the jellyfish!
Above the submarine, the seas are very rough. Waves rock the boats shipping goods across the ocean.

But deep down the water is calm and getting very dark.

Deep underwater there is no sunlight so some creatures make their own light.

Do you know of any insects that also make their own light?

Head to the submarine, using two right turns and two left turns.
The ocean changes from grey to bright blue as they head south.

Jagged mountains and steaming vents line the ocean floor. Every so often volcanoes erupt through the surface making rocky black islands.

Many islands form under the sea and rise above the water to make land!

Can you name any islands that people live on?

Head to the block east of the temple and below the volcano.
The submarine nears an area called a coral reef. The coral reef is very beautiful and busy with many colourful fish.

Because the water is shallow and the reef is delicate, they leave the submarine for a small boat.

Coral reefs are like a city for fish and other marine animals.

What other ocean creatures might live in the coral reef?

Using the function line, move to the mountains with fish, but take Cubetto past the temple and shore.
It’s now the end of their journey. The boat docks on a beautiful island full of tropical plants.

Cubetto can’t stop thinking of his adventure crossing the vast ocean. He can’t wait to tell his friends all about it!

Plants also grow underwater. They can be as large as trees or so small you can’t even see them!

Can you name any types of plants that grow in the ocean?

Take Cubetto to the island, and on your way, stop at the submarine. You will need to use your function line.