

Medicines from the Sea

Name _____ Date _____

Directions: Write your responses on this sheet or on separate paper.

1. When you are sick, do medicines help you get better? Why or why not?
2. What does it mean to say that bacteria are *resistant* to certain medicines?
3. Why are scientists studying the ocean to find new kinds of medicines?
4. What are some things you can do to protect coral reefs and other marine habitats?
5. In order to study organisms, scientists sometimes need to collect specimens, such as coral or seaweed. Do you think it is more important to collect the specimens or to leave them in their natural habitat?



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