

Words to know:

Ferdinand Magellan	7. Plateaus
Portuguese	8. Horizon
Sailor	9. Coast
astronauts	10. Scatter
bulges	11. surface
mountains	12. atmosphere

Answer these questions:

Q.1 Who was Magellan?

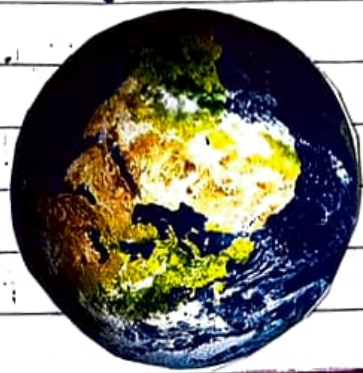
A.1 Ferdinand Magellan was a Portuguese sailor.



Ferdinand Magellan

Q.2 What is the shape of the Earth?

A-2 The Earth is not completely round like a ball. It is slightly flattened at the top and bottom.



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Q.3 Why does the sky appear blue in colour?

A-3 The dust particles present in the sky scatter the light of the sun in such a way that the sky looks blue in colour.

Q.4 How is the Earth helpful to us?

A-4 Earth is the home of all living things. It provides air and water for survival.

Q. What is unique about planet 'Earth'?

Ans. At present, Earth is the only planet in the universe where life is possible. Earth has presence of air, water and land which helps in the survival of all living things.

* Inquiry based questions:-

Q. Can there be life somewhere in the solar system outside Earth? Explain

Ans. No, there cannot be life anywhere in the solar system except Earth due to lack of essential elements of life like air, water, oxygen, etc.
