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Instructions: Use clues and information from Ready for Rising Seas? and what you already know to make inferences about the events in the book.

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Instructions: Read the sentences below and decide whether they contain dashes or hyphens. Write *dash* or *hyphen* on the line below the sentence. If the sentence contains a dash, write an explanation of how the dash is used.

- 1 It's one reason some of the world's biggest and best-loved citied are built on the coasts.
- 2 Sea levels have fluctuated naturally over the course of Earth's history—sometimes dramatically.
- **3** Around the world, tide gauges have measured the long-term rise in sea levels since 1870.
- 4 Even some places far from an ocean aren't safe from sea level rise, and even places that are currently safe from flooding may have to deal with drinking-water issues.
- 5 Strange as it may seem, the surface of the ocean is not flat—and sea levels around the world aren't changing at the same rate.
- **6** With a population of more than thirty-seven million, Tokyo is the world's largest city.
- 7 It will last twice as long as human history—but today's humans can help change the course of history.
- 8 Depending on how much carbon humans bring out of the ground in the years to come, less Antarctic ice will melt—or more.



Instructions: Use the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle with vocabulary words from *Ready for Rising Seas?*

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- 1. a shallow, calm body of water between a reef and a shoreline
- 2. a layer of gases surrounding a planet, star, or moon
- 3. As the temperature of the ocean warms, the water itself expands—its water _ increase in volume, and the water actually fills up more space.
- **4.** a synonym for *vulnerable*

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- 5. habitats that naturally collect water within tidal zones and help drain it back to the sea
- **6.** Carbon _____ and those from other gases became a kind of blanket around our planet, trapping heat inside.
- 7. a law or set of laws made by a government

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- 8. Where it is possible, cities and countries try to use _____ to absorb floods and slow down erosion.
- 9. ridges or raised areas that prevent a river from overflowing
- 10. to take the place of someone or something; to force someone or something out
- 11. the clearing away of trees and other vegetation in an area
- 12. ridges of coral, rock, or sand that lie very near the surface of the ocean