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**Worksheet 1**

**Finding the Topic**

**Directions:** Read each paragraph below. Decide what most of the sentences in the paragraph are talking about. From the list after each paragraph, decide on the main topic of the paragraph and put an **X** in front of it.

 Almost three-fourths of the earth’s surface still holds many secrets for man. This large area, the ocean, has great depths where no man has ever been. No man has been on Mars, either. There are many minerals on the ocean floor, waiting to be discovered. Even the number of different living things in the sea remains a mystery to us.

 The depth of the ocean

 Exploring Mars

 The number of animals in the sea

 The secrets of the ocean

 If you have ever been swimming in the ocean, you have been on what is known as a shelf. This shelf may extend for just a few feet or for more than a hundred miles from shore. The shelf can slope gradually to a greater depth or it can drop off steeply in a two-mile cliff. Man has explored more than six miles down into the depths of the ocean.

 The shelf along the ocean shore

 The depth of sea cliffs

 The depth of the ocean

 The depth of the ocean shelf

 Do you blush easily? Does your face get very red whenever you are embarrassed or upset? You blush because tiny blood vessels near the surface of your skin become larger when you are embarrassed or upset. As this happens, more blood comes near the surface, making your skin redder. Sunburn also makes your skin red.

 Where the blood vessels are

 Why people blush

 Why people become upset

 What a sunburn does to you

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 It might be hard to believe that your skull has 22 bones, but it is true. Only one of these bones, the jawbone, is movable. The others fit together rigidly. The part of the skull that protects the brain is called the cranium. Your brain controls all your movements and thinking. The face and jaw are formed by 14 bones of the skull.

 The bones in the skull

 The purpose of the brain

 The bones in the cranium

 The location of the skull

 Your skin is made up of two layers. The top part of the skin is actually made up of dead cells that get rubbed off constantly as new skin cells are pushed up to replace them. Under this is the part of the skin that contains blood vessels, nerve endings, and hair roots. You should always protect your skin from too much sun.

 Why you have dead skin cells

 Why too much sun is bad for you

 What the layers of skin are

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