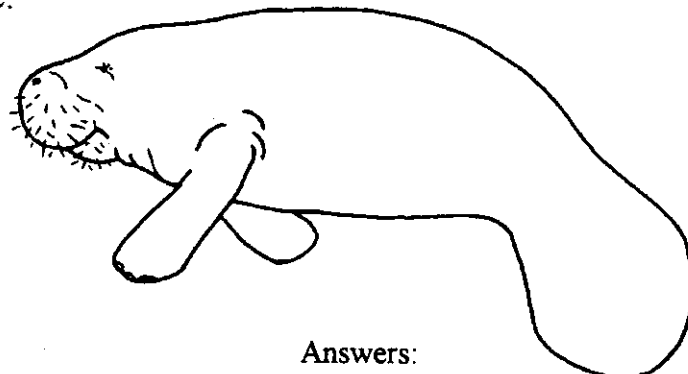


What are the four basic elements of HABITAT?

(Fill in the blanks to find out the basic elements of habitat)

1. Manatees eat plants that grow in the water. These plants are called aquatic vegetation. Aquatic vegetation is the only type of F ___ O ___ that manatees should eat.
2. Manatees seek out and drink fresh W ___ E ___ from natural sources. They do not need people to provide this drink for them.
3. Manatees are migratory animals. Their travel is influenced by seasonal changes. Travel corridors are necessary for the manatee to move back and forth between summer and winter habitats. People who use these corridors must respect the manatees' need for safe passage and provide adequate S P ___ C ___ for the manatee to reach its destination.
4. Manatees must have a safe, protected area, or S H ___ L ___ R, that they can go to that keeps them away from harassment, boat traffic, strong currents and people. These areas are needed for feeding, resting, playing, mating or calving their young. In Florida, with the growing number of people and boats, this safe protected area is getting harder and harder for the manatee to find.

If any of the four elements (_____, _____, _____, or _____) are missing, the manatee cannot survive. It is up to all of us to help the manatee survive.



Answers:

The four elements of suitable habitat are food, water, space, and shelter.