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Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

# Tale From the Deep

Scientists say that nature is really amazing. Recently, some scientists were studying a strange sponge found deep in the Pacific Ocean. They realized that filaments on the sponge were much like optical fibers used in telecommunication systems. Their somewhat dubious plan was to study the sponge with the hope of **duplicating** its features for future uses. What these uses are, the scientists haven't said. Stay tuned!



1. Which word in the passage is a clue to how the writer feels about the scientists' plan of study?
  - A. dubious
  - B. amazing
  - C. hope
2. In this paragraph, the word **duplicating** means
  - A. changing.
  - B. copying.
  - C. studying.
  - D. catching.
3. Which phrase best reflects the writer's point of view?
  - A. used by scientists and nature
  - B. skeptical about the sponge study
  - C. excited about the sponge project
4. The title that best summarizes this paragraph is
  - A. Scientists Study Sponge.
  - B. From the Pacific Ocean.
  - C. A Sponge in Your Future.
  - D. Filaments and Fibers.