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Currents

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1. What causes currents?

- a. sun / wind
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- c. hot / cold waters
- d. air pressure

2. The Gulf Stream carries water great distance over the surface. T or F

3. What is the name of the current that pushes swimmers down the beach?

- a. surface currents
- b. smaller coastal currents
- c. longshore currents
- d. rip currents

4. Using information from the book, name two ways that rip currents can be dangerous.

5. What is the best thing to do if you get caught in a rip tide?

- a. Swim as fast as you can in the opposite way of the current.
- b. Swim parallel to the shore and get out of the current's path.
- c. Hold your breath and scream for help.
- d. Swim out to sea for about a half mile and relax. The lifeguard will then come out to get you.

