

“Reading Series 2 - Ocean Salinity” @ <http://www.youtube.com/ESL4free>

**It can be inferred from the text that..**

- A. there is no increase in the volume of the oceans.**
- B. the oceans are becoming more salty.**
- C. ocean water is spreading gradually.**
- D. ocean temperatures are rising.**

**Reading Text - Ocean Salinity:**

The saltiness of the oceans is controlled by how much water is entering the oceans from rivers and rain versus how much is evaporating. The more sunshine and heat there is, the more water can evaporate, leaving the salts behind in higher concentrations in some places. Over time, those changes spread out as water moves, changing the salinity profiles of the oceans. Studies have found that the changes seen in the oceans matched those that would be expected from human forcing of the climate. Combining upward temperature changes with the salinity, the human imprint can be clearly demonstrated.

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**SOME WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS IN THE TEXT**

**Concentrations:** large amounts of things or substances in one area.

**Evaporate:** to change from a liquid into a gas (e.g. water to steam).

**Imprint:** impression; an important influence or effect that remains after something has occurred.

**Profiles:** data or information that describes something (or someone).