

TEXT

Although = Aunque

Poisonous = Venenoso.

However = Sin embargo

Coal = Carbón.

Shrimp = Camarones

Widespread = Extendido

people should avoid eating it more frequently than once a month.

1 The primary purpose of the passage is to

- a warn people who work at coal plants about the dangers of mercury
- b inform people about the presence of mercury in edible fish
- c familiarize people with the history of mercury in industrial products
- d instruct people about the process of biomagnification

2 Based on information in paragraph 1, it can be inferred that only older thermometers contain mercury because

- a older thermometers do not work as well as newer models
- b newer thermometers were made using coal power; older thermometers were made before coal power was in widespread use
- c thermometers with mercury were made before people understood how dangerous mercury is
- d thermometers made in earlier times used older technology

3 In the final paragraph, the author argues that

- a it is not safe to eat any seafood
- b only children and pregnant women must be cautious about the fish they consume
- c people must think carefully about what kinds and amounts of fish they are eating
- d it is only safe to eat the most popular varieties of fish

4 Using your own words, explain the concept of biomagnification.

The biomagnification occurs when a substance enters the food chain, mostly in small quantities and then increases in concentration.