MAKE YOUR OWN OCEAN WATER!
1. MEASURE 4 1/4 cups (or 1000 mL) of water in a pitcher.
2. STIR in 3 1/2 teaspoons of salt.
3. TASTE!
ONE FOURTH of the material that the Mississippi River deposits into the ocean is dissolved minerals.

FACT

OCEAN WATER contains about 3.5% salt.

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MOSTLY: sodium chloride (table salt), potassium, calcium & magnesium salts.

Small plants & animals use some of the salts. Most of the salt remains in the water, which is why the ocean tastes SO SALTY.