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The volume of the ocean has been estimated to be  $1.33 \times 10^9 \text{ km}^3$ . How many moles of H<sub>2</sub>O are in the ocean? You may assume that the density is  $1.01 \text{ gm/cm}^3$ .

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Solution: the number of moles can be calculated using the formula:

$$n = \frac{\rho V}{M_m}$$

Thus,

$$n = \frac{\left(10^6 \frac{gm}{m^3}\right) (1.33 \times 10^{18} m^3)}{18 gm/mol}$$

Which gives

$$n = 7.39 \times 10^{22} \text{ moles}$$