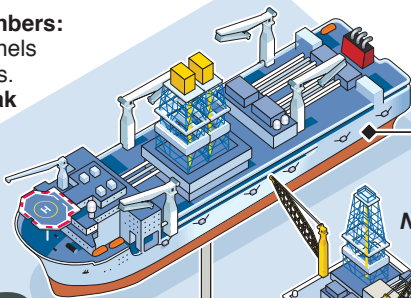


# How BP aims to cut the oil flow at the seabed

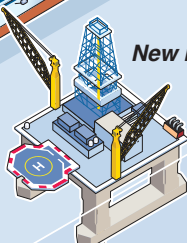
## 1 Containment chambers:

Concrete and iron funnels lowered over leak sites. Oil collected until leak can be stopped with relief wells

Transocean drillship, *Discoverer Enterprise*



New rig



Oil slick

Chamber

Weight: 90 tonnes

Height: 12m

Blow-out preventer:

Valve usually seals oil well automatically

Main oil leak

May 4: Smallest of three leaks capped

## 2 Relief wells:

First of two relief wells drilling 5,500 metres vertically and horizontally to plug flowing well with cement.

Drilling process expected to take 60-90 days



New blow-out preventer

## 3 ROVs:

Remotely operated underwater vehicles have closed valves of blow-out preventer. However, BP says seals have not been effective



Well

Oil field

bp



Oil spill in Gulf of Mexico has drained \$32 billion from BP's stock market value