

The Great Barrier Reef



1. Warm-Up Questions:

1. Have you ever seen a coral reef?
 2. What do you think lives in the ocean?
 3. Why is it important to protect the sea?
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2. Vocabulary:

Match the words to their meanings:

1. **Coral reef**
 2. **Marine**
 3. **Bleaching**
 4. **Pollution**
 5. **Heritage**
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- a) Damage to the environment, like trash or chemicals in the ocean
 - b) Something valued for its culture or importance
 - c) A structure made by tiny animals under the sea
 - d) Related to the ocean or sea
 - e) When coral turns white because it is unhealthy
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3. Read the text to improve your vocabulary:

The Great Barrier Reef – A Natural Wonder

The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef in the world. It is located off the coast of Queensland, Australia, and stretches for over 2,300 kilometers! The reef is made up of tiny

animals called coral polyps. These coral polyps live in groups and create the colorful reefs we see today.

The Great Barrier Reef is home to many sea animals like fish, turtles, sharks, and rays. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site because it is so special and important. Many tourists visit the reef to snorkel, dive, and see its beauty.

However, the reef is in danger. Pollution, climate change, and overfishing are hurting it. Coral bleaching is one big problem. This happens when the coral turns white and dies because the water becomes too warm.

It's important to protect the reef. People can help by reducing plastic use, not throwing trash in the ocean, and learning more about marine life. Together, we can save this natural wonder for future generations.

4. True or False

Read the statements and decide if they are true or false:

1. The Great Barrier Reef is the smallest reef in the world.
2. Coral polyps are tiny animals that create the reef.
3. The reef is found in South America.
4. Coral bleaching is a problem for the reef.
5. People can help protect the reef by reducing plastic use.

5. Match the Words to Their Definitions:

1. Reef
2. Pollution
3. Turtle
4. Protect
5. Coral

- a) A sea animal with a hard shell.
 - b) A colorful sea animal that looks like a plant.
 - c) To keep something safe.
 - d) Dirt or trash that makes nature unhealthy.
 - e) A group of rocks or corals in the sea.
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6. Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using the words:

ocean, coral, fish, protect, bleaching

1. The Great Barrier Reef is in the _____.
2. Many _____ live in the reef.
3. _____ polyps build the reef.
4. We must _____ the reef from damage.
5. Coral _____ happens when water is too warm.

1.ocean 2.fish 3.coral 4.protect 4.bleaching

6. Quiz – Multiple Choice

Find the correct answer:

1. Where is the Great Barrier Reef?
 - a) Australia
 - b) Africa
 - c) America
2. What animals live in the reef?
 - a) Lions and tigers
 - b) Fish and turtles
 - c) Elephants and bears
3. What is coral bleaching?
 - a) Coral turning white and dying
 - b) Coral becoming bigger
 - c) Coral changing into fish
4. Why do tourists visit the reef?
 - a) To see deserts
 - b) To snorkel and dive
 - c) To climb mountains

5. How long is the reef?
 - a) 2,300 kilometers
 - b) 200 kilometers
 - c) 500 kilometers

7. Discussion:

1. Why do you think coral reefs are important?
2. How can people help protect the ocean?
3. Would you like to visit the Great Barrier Reef? Why or why not?

Answers:

1. Answers will vary.
2. 1.c 2.d 3.e 4.a 5.b
4. 1.F 2.T 3.F 4.T 5T
5. 1.e 2.d 3.a 4.c 5.b
6. 1.a 2.b 3.a 4.b 5.a