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ECOSYSTEMS OF THE WORLD

Coral Reef Ecosystems

Say What?

Studying coral reefs can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in this book that you have never heard before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.



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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about coral reefs? Do you want to learn more about a specific plant or animal? Write down one or two questions to guide your research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources about the species to answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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Take a Stand

In Chapter Six, you learned some coral reef ecosystems are part of World Heritage Sites. Do you think people are doing enough to protect these important ecosystems? Write a letter to a government official explaining your opinion on the protection of coral reefs.



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Another View

This book includes information about how to save coral reefs. Ask an adult, such as a librarian, to help you find another source about protecting coral reefs. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar? How do they differ?



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