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with Critical Thinking



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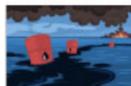
Unit
04 | Coral Reefs in Trouble



Look & Talk

- When you think of coral reefs, what comes to mind?
- How do the corals look?

KEY WORDS Listen and repeat the words. TR:08

 coral	 sea creature	 jewelry
 colony	 bleaching	 oil spill

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Photo & Illustration

The captivating images stimulate students' interest and help them predict the passage before reading it.

Look & Talk

Various warm-up questions help students prepare for the lesson and think about the unit's theme.

Key Words

The pre-reading vocabulary activities allow students to learn the key words in the reading passage.

VOCABULARY BUILD UP

A Write the correct words for the definitions.

colony	coral reef	bleach	bleaching
1. a long line of coral	3. to lose color		
2. a group of plants or animals living in one place	4. the loss of color		



B Read the clues. Write the words with similar meanings.

- _____, 25% of all marine life lives in coral reefs.
Actually
- Corals are made of tiny sea _____.
organisms
- Corals can form _____ colonies.
huge
- Scientists have _____ that many coral reefs are not healthy.
realized

enormous
noticed
in fact
creatures

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Vocabulary Build Up

This section helps students expand their vocabulary and grammar efficiently through English definitions, synonyms, antonyms, and example sentences.



Coral Reefs in Trouble



▲ Coral polyps

Coral reefs are homes for thousands of species of plants and animals. **In fact**, 25% of all marine life lives in coral reefs. They are often called the rainforests of the sea.

Coral reefs may look like colorful plants, but they are actually animals. Corals are made of tiny sea creatures called coral polyps. Polyps often live together in large colonies. Many different types of corals can form enormous colonies. These colonies make a reef.

Scientists have **noticed** that many coral reefs are not healthy. The reefs are losing their beautiful colors. This is called **bleaching**. It happens when the ocean becomes too warm.

People have used coral skeletons to make **jewelry**. This and other human activities have put many corals at risk. Rising ocean temperatures, **oil spills**, and chemical pollution can cause corals to **bleach** and die. Half of the world's coral reefs have died in the last 30 years.



▲ Oil spill



Bleached corals

Think & Talk
What causes corals to bleach and die?

Reading Passage

The wide variety of academic topics help students develop their reading skills and expand their background knowledge in school subjects and themes.

Think & Talk

This section encourages students to think about the main idea of the passage or to think critically about what they have read.

COMPREHENSION CHECK UP

A Choose the correct answers.

- What is the main idea of the passage?
 - Coral reefs are homes for many sea creatures.
 - The temperatures of the oceans are rising.
 - The world's coral reefs are at risk.
- Coral reefs are often called _____ of the sea.
 - the homes
 - the colonies
 - the rainforests
- What are corals?
 - sea plants
 - sea animals
 - colonies
- What does NOT cause coral bleaching?
 - human activities
 - oil spills
 - coral skeletons
- Which is NOT true according to the passage?
 - Coral polyps often live together in large colonies.
 - Coral bleaching happens when the ocean becomes too cold.
 - Half of the world's coral reefs have died in the last 30 years.

B Think and complete the answers.

- Why are coral reefs often called the rainforests of the sea?
Coral reefs provide _____ for thousands of _____ plants and animals.
- What causes corals to bleach and die?
Human activities, rising ocean _____, and chemical _____ can cause corals to bleach and die.

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Comprehension Check Up

A The comprehension questions check students' understanding of the text through multiple-choice questions.

B The short-answer questions allow students to think about the main idea of the passage.

READING SKILLS UP

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

Coral Reefs	
<p>Coral reefs are the rainforests of the sea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25% of all marine life lives in _____. Corals are made of tiny sea creatures called _____. Polyps often live together in large _____, which make a reef. 	<p>Coral reefs are in trouble.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half of the world's coral reefs have died in the last 30 years. Human activities have put many corals _____. Rising ocean temperatures, oil spills, and _____ can cause corals to _____ and die.
<p>coral polyps coral reefs colonies chemical pollution bleach at risk</p>	

VOCABULARY CHECK UP

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

- Corals are made of tiny sea _____ called coral polyps. (organisms)
- Many different types of corals can form _____ colonies. (huge)
- _____, 25% of all marine life lives in coral reefs. (actually)
- Scientists have _____ that many coral reefs are not healthy. (realized)

in fact noticed creatures enormous

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Reading Skills Up & Vocabulary Check Up

Reading Skills Up This section shows the structure of the passage and teaches students different reading comprehension skills.

Vocabulary Check Up This section allows students to review the key expressions and to understand how to use them correctly.

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Unit
01 | Save the Animals



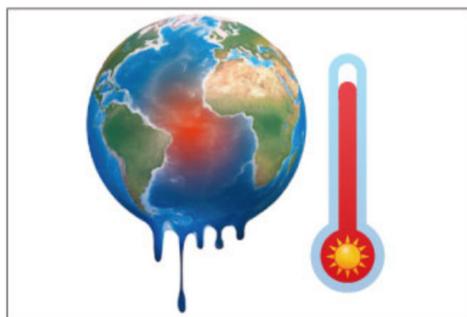
Look & Talk

- The pictures show some endangered animals. Can you name any other endangered animals?

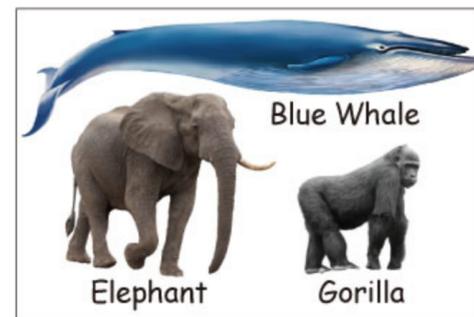
KEY WORDS Listen and repeat the words. TR: 02



the Arctic



global warming



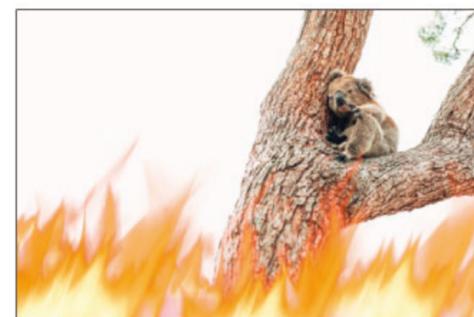
endangered



extinction



bushfire



threat

VOCABULARY BUILD UP

A Write the correct words for the definitions.

extinction

endangered

threaten

global warming

1. the dying out of a species

2. in danger of becoming extinct

3. a gradual increase in world temperatures

4. to be likely to harm or destroy something



B Read the clues. Write the words with similar meanings.

1. Some animals have _____ adaptations.
particular; specific

2. Polar bears have powerful paws to _____ the ice.
hold

3. Koalas _____ eucalyptus trees to live.
depend on

4. Koalas have sharp claws _____ climbing trees.
right for

grip

rely on

specialized

suitable for