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**Level 6 – 24th January, 2022**

## **Pristine coral reef discovered off coast of Tahiti**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef.html>

Marine biologists have unearthed a spectacular coral reef off the coast of Tahiti in the South Pacific. The 3km-long reef lies at a depth of 30 metres. The scientists believe the array of corals and ocean vegetation contains previously undiscovered marine species. They have already found hundreds of rose-shaped coral, some of which measure over two metres in diameter. Deep-sea diver Alexis Rosenfeld said he was stunned when he came across the reef. He wrote: "It was magical to witness giant, beautiful rose corals which stretch for as far as the eye can see. It was like a work of art." Scientist Laetitia Hedouin said: "It's a very healthy reef. In the middle of the biodiversity crisis, this is very good news."

Scientists say the location of the Tahiti reef means it is in pristine condition. Most of the world's reefs are in warmer waters. This makes them prone to the bleaching effects of global warming. Tahiti's reef is deep enough to protect it from bleaching. There is still sufficient sunlight at 30 metres for coral to grow and reproduce. UNESCO said: "We think that deeper reefs may be better protected from global warming." It believes the Tahiti reef is "one of the most extensive healthy coral reefs on record". It added that more mapping of the deep ocean needs to be undertaken. It said: "We know more about the surface of the Moon or the surface of Mars than the deeper part of the ocean."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. CORAL:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about coral. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

marine biologists / coral / reef / South Pacific / species / rose / magical / good news / Tahiti / pristine / bleaching / global warming / mapping / deep ocean / Moon / Mars

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. OCEAN RESEARCH:** Students A **strongly** believe more money should be spent on ocean research than on space research; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ISLANDS:** What do you know about these island nations? What might make them a good place to live? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	A Good Place to Live
Tahiti		
Sri Lanka		
The U.K.		
Japan		
Madagascar		
Bahrain		

**5. COAST:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "coast". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. OCEANS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about oceans at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Coral
- Fishing
- Beaches
- Sunsets
- Sailing
- Colour
- Tides
- Marine life

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. unearthed    | a. Beautiful in a dramatic and eye-catching way.                                  |
| 2. spectacular  | b. Astonished or shocked someone so that they are temporarily unable to react.    |
| 3. array        | c. A time of intense difficulty or danger.  |
| 4. stunned      | d. An impressive display or range of a particular type of thing.                  |
| 5. witness      | e. The variety of plant and animal life in the world.                             |
| 6. biodiversity | f. Discover something hidden, lost, or kept secret by investigation or searching. |
| 7. crisis       | g. See an event as it happens.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. pristine    | h. Likely or liable to suffer from, do, or experience something unpleasant.   |
| 9. prone       | i. A process in which something (hair, coral, etc.) becomes whiter or lighter by a chemical process or by exposure to sunlight. |
| 10. bleaching  | j. Representing an area on a map.   |
| 11. sufficient | k. Create more babies, young or offspring.  |
| 12. reproduce  | l. Enough; adequate.  |
| 13. extensive  | m. In its original condition; unspoilt.   |
| 14. mapping    | n. Covering or affecting a large area.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The newly-found coral reef is 30km long. **T / F**
2. The scientists say they have found dozens of new marine species. **T / F**
3. A diver said it was magical to see giant rose-shaped corals. **T / F**
4. A scientist said the discovery could end the biodiversity crises. **T / F**
5. The Tahiti reef has been damaged by bleaching from the sun. **T / F**
6. The article says there is enough sunlight for life to reproduce in the reef. **T / F**
7. UNESCO said there was a need to map more of the ocean. **T / F**
8. UNESCO said we know more about Mars than about the deep ocean. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>unearthed</b>   | a. conducted      |
| 2. <b>spectacular</b> | b. discovered     |
| 3. <b>stunned</b>     | c. substantial    |
| 4. <b>witness</b>     | d. susceptible    |
| 5. <b>crisis</b>      | e. astounded      |
| 6. <b>pristine</b>    | f. impressive     |
| 7. <b>prone</b>       | g. immaculate     |
| 8. <b>protect</b>     | h. critical point |
| 9. <b>extensive</b>   | i. safeguard      |
| 10. <b>undertaken</b> | j. observe        |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                      |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. biologists have unearthed         | a. marine species                |
| 2. the array                         | b. extensive healthy coral reefs |
| 3. previously undiscovered           | c. crisis                        |
| 4. stretch for as far as             | d. condition                     |
| 5. In the middle of the biodiversity | e. a spectacular coral reef      |
| 6. it is in pristine                 | f. sunlight at 30 metres         |
| 7. This makes them prone             | g. Mars                          |
| 8. There is still sufficient         | h. of corals                     |
| 9. one of the most                   | i. to the bleaching effects      |
| 10. the surface of                   | j. the eye can see               |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef.html>

Marine biologists have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a spectacular coral reef off the coast of Tahiti in the South Pacific. The 3km-long reef lies at a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of 30 metres. The scientists believe the array of corals and ocean vegetation contains previously undiscovered marine (3) \_\_\_\_\_. They have already found hundreds of rose-shaped coral, some of which measure over two metres in (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Deep-sea diver Alexis Rosenfeld said he was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ when he came across the reef. He wrote: "It was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to witness giant, beautiful rose corals which stretch for as far as the eye can see. It was like a work of (7) \_\_\_\_\_." Scientist Laetitia Hedouin said: "It's a very healthy reef. In the middle of the biodiversity (8) \_\_\_\_\_, this is very good news."

*depth*  
*stunned*  
*unearthed*  
*art*  
*diameter*  
*crisis*  
*species*  
*magical*

Scientists say the location of the Tahiti reef means it is in (9) \_\_\_\_\_ condition. Most of the world's reefs are in warmer waters. This makes them (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to the bleaching effects of global warming. Tahiti's reef is deep enough to protect it from (11) \_\_\_\_\_. There is still (12) \_\_\_\_\_ sunlight at 30 metres for coral to grow and reproduce. UNESCO said: "We think that deeper reefs may be (13) \_\_\_\_\_ protected from global warming." It believes the Tahiti reef is "one of the most extensive healthy coral reefs on (14) \_\_\_\_\_". It added that more (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of the deep ocean needs to be undertaken. It said: "We know more about the surface of the Moon or the surface of Mars than the deeper (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of the ocean."

*part*  
*bleaching*  
*better*  
*pristine*  
*mapping*  
*prone*  
*record*  
*sufficient*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef.html>

- 1) Marine biologists have unearthed a spectacular coral reef off the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. cost of Tahiti
  - b. cast of Tahiti
  - c. coast of Tahiti
  - d. coats of Tahiti
- 2) the array of corals and ocean vegetation contains previously undiscovered \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. mariner species
  - b. marine specials
  - c. marring speed seas
  - d. marine species
- 3) Deep-sea diver Alexis Rosenfeld said he was stunned when he came \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. across the reef
  - b. across a reef
  - c. a cross there riff
  - d. across the riff
- 4) magical to witness giant, beautiful rose corals which stretch for as far as the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. eye can see
  - b. eye can sea
  - c. eye can seen
  - d. eye can seer
- 5) It's a very healthy reef. In the middle of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the biodiversity critics
  - b. the biodiversity cry seas
  - c. the biodiversity cry sis
  - d. the biodiversity crisis
- 6) Scientists say the location of the Tahiti reef means it is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. imp rusty condition
  - b. impish teen condition
  - c. imprints teen condition
  - d. in pristine condition
- 7) This makes them prone to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the blanching effects
  - b. the branching effects
  - c. the bleaching effects
  - d. the broaching effects
- 8) There is still sufficient sunlight at 30 metres for coral to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. grows and reproduce
  - b. grown and reproduce
  - c. growth and reproduce
  - d. grow and reproduce
- 9) It believes the Tahiti reef is "one of the most extensive healthy coral \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. roofs on record
  - b. reefs on record
  - c. reefs in record
  - d. reefs on records
- 10) It added that more mapping of the deep ocean needs \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to be overtaken
  - b. to be retaken
  - c. to be undertaken
  - d. to be on the taken

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef.html>

Marine biologists (1) \_\_\_\_\_ spectacular coral reef off the coast of Tahiti in the South Pacific. The 3km-long reef (2) \_\_\_\_\_ depth of 30 metres. The scientists believe the array of corals and ocean vegetation contains previously undiscovered marine species. They have already found hundreds of (3) \_\_\_\_\_, some of which measure over two metres in diameter. Deep-sea diver Alexis Rosenfeld said he was stunned when he came across the reef. He wrote: "It was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ giant, beautiful rose corals which stretch for as far as (5) \_\_\_\_\_ see. It was like a work of art." Scientist Laetitia Hedouin said: "It's a very healthy reef. In the middle of (6) \_\_\_\_\_, this is very good news."

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef.html>

1. How deep is the newly-discovered reef in Tahiti?
2. What does the article say the reef might contain?
3. What shape of corals did the scientists find?
4. How did a diver describe witnessing the corals?
5. What did a scientist say the discovery was made in the middle of?
6. In what kind of condition is the reef?
7. Where are most of the world's reefs?
8. What does the article say corals can do at 30 metres besides grow?
9. What did UNESCO say needed to be undertaken?
10. What do we know more about than the deeper part of the ocean?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef.html>

- 1) How deep is the newly-discovered reef in Tahiti?
  - a) 13 metres
  - b) 30 metres
  - c) 300 metres
  - d) 3 metres
- 2) What does the article say the reef might contain?
  - a) lots of salt
  - b) minerals
  - c) pollution
  - d) undiscovered species
- 3) What shape of corals did the scientists find?
  - a) sunflower-shaped corals
  - b) tulip-shaped corals
  - c) rose-shaped corals
  - d) star-shaped corals
- 4) How did a diver describe witnessing the corals?
  - a) magical
  - b) scary
  - c) weird
  - d) enlightening
- 5) What did a scientist say the discovery was made in the middle of?
  - a) the sea
  - b) a biodiversity crisis
  - c) the Southern Hemisphere
  - d) the night
- 6) In what kind of condition is the reef?
  - a) pristine condition
  - b) poor condition
  - c) brand new condition
  - d) terminal condition
- 7) Where are most of the world's reefs?
  - a) the Pacific
  - b) the Northern Hemisphere
  - c) in warmer waters
  - d) over 30 metres deep
- 8) What does the article say corals can do at 30 metres besides grow?
  - a) reproduce
  - b) produce oxygen
  - c) destroy pollution
  - d) emit light
- 9) What did UNESCO say needed to be undertaken?
  - a) a clean-up of the oceans
  - b) more diving courses
  - c) education
  - d) more mapping of the ocean
- 10) What do we know more about than the deeper part of the ocean?
  - a) the universe
  - b) the human brain
  - c) the surface of Mars and the Moon
  - d) particle physics

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Coral Reefs**

You think coral reefs are the best things about oceans. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least appealing of these (and why): fishing, sunsets or marine life.

## **Role B – Fishing**

You think fishing is the best thing about oceans. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least appealing of these (and why): coral reefs, sunsets or marine life.

## **Role C – Sunsets**

You think sunsets are the best things about oceans. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least appealing of these (and why): fishing, coral reefs or marine life.

## **Role D – Marine Life**

You think marine life is the best thing about oceans. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least appealing of these (and why): fishing, sunsets or coral reefs.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'coral' and 'reef'.

<b>coral</b>	<b>reef</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• spectacular</li><li>• array</li><li>• hundreds</li><li>• stunned</li><li>• giant</li><li>• good</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• condition</li><li>• prone</li><li>• grow</li><li>• better</li><li>• record</li><li>• deeper</li></ul>
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# CORAL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef.html>

Write five GOOD questions about coral in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# CORAL DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'coral'?
3. What do you know about marine biology?
4. What do you know about coral reefs?
5. How important is the discovery of the coral reef?
6. Why are coral reefs important?
7. Would you like to be a marine biologist?
8. What do you think of scuba diving?
9. Have you ever witnessed anything magical?
10. What is the biodiversity crisis?

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# CORAL DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'reef'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Tahiti?
15. How beautiful are coral reefs?
16. What do you know about bleaching from global warming?
17. Should we spend more money on ocean research than space research?
18. What do you know about Mars?
19. Is it more important to know about Mars or our oceans?
20. What questions would you like to ask the scientists?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef.html>

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |              |                 |                   |
|-----|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | (a) earthed    | (b) earthen  | (c) unearthed   | (d) earthy        |
| 2.  | (a) lies       | (b) lees     | (c) lays        | (d) loos          |
| 3.  | (a) array      | (b) aura     | (c) aurora      | (d) aerial        |
| 4.  | (a) which      | (b) that     | (c) thus        | (d) that          |
| 5.  | (a) long       | (b) far      | (c) distance    | (d) further       |
| 6.  | (a) goods      | (b) goodness | (c) goodly      | (d) good          |
| 7.  | (a) on         | (b) an       | (c) in          | (d) at            |
| 8.  | (a) drain      | (b) drone    | (c) prune       | (d) prone         |
| 9.  | (a) sufficient | (b) suffice  | (c) suffer      | (d) suffragette   |
| 10. | (a) a          | (b) the      | (c) of          | (d) by            |
| 11. | (a) diagram    | (b) mapping  | (c) coordinates | (d) atlas         |
| 12. | (a) oceanology | (b) oceanic  | (c) ocean       | (d) oceanographer |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. Marine otbiigsols
2. unearthed a pclteaucrsa coral reef
3. the rryaa of corals and ocean vegetation
4. marine csesiep
5. It was cgalmaj to witness
6. In the middle of the iibesvrydoti crisis

## Paragraph 2

7. it is in resnipit condition
8. nerop to the bleaching effects
9. iiffecstnu sunlight
10. grow and rpueeocdr
11. one of the most sevntieex healthy coral reefs
12. needs to be ruedntkaen

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) reproduce. UNESCO said: "We think that deeper reefs may be better protected from global warming." It believes the Tahiti reef is "one
- ( ) are in warmer waters. This makes them prone to the bleaching effects of global warming. Tahiti's reef is deep
- ( ) across the reef. He wrote: "It was magical to witness giant, beautiful rose corals which stretch for as far as
- ( ) of the most extensive healthy coral reefs on record". It added that more mapping of the deep
- ( ) enough to protect it from bleaching. There is still sufficient sunlight at 30 metres for coral to grow and
- ( ) the eye can see. It was like a work of art." Scientist Laetitia Hedouin said: "It's a
- ( **1** ) Marine biologists have unearthed a spectacular coral reef off the coast of Tahiti in the South Pacific. The 3km-long reef
- ( ) lies at a depth of 30 metres. The scientists believe the array of corals and ocean vegetation contains previously
- ( ) Scientists say the location of the Tahiti reef means it is in pristine condition. Most of the world's reefs
- ( ) ocean needs to be undertaken. It said: "We know more about the surface of
- ( ) very healthy reef. In the middle of the biodiversity crisis, this is very good news."
- ( ) undiscovered marine species. They have already found hundreds of rose-shaped coral, some of
- ( ) which measure over two metres in diameter. Deep-sea diver Alexis Rosenfeld said he was stunned when he came
- ( ) the Moon or the surface of Mars than the deeper part of the ocean."

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. a spectacular unearthed reef . coral Marine biologists have
2. species . vegetation previously marine Ocean undiscovered contains
3. when reef . stunned the discovered he He was
4. can see . far For as the as eye
5. crisis . the middle of In biodiversity the
6. them makes effects . prone This the to bleaching
7. reefs better We may protected . think deeper be
8. record . coral on reefs most healthy The extensive
9. of should be undertaken . deep the Mapping ocean
10. about more the surface the Moon . Know of

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Marine biologists have *unearthed* / *earthed* a spectacular coral reef off the coast of Tahiti in the South Pacific. The 3km-long reef *lays* / *lies* at a depth of 30 metres. The scientists believe the *disarray* / *array* of corals and ocean vegetation contains previously *undiscovered* / *discovery* marine species. They have already found hundreds of rose-shaped coral, some of *that* / *which* measure over two metres in diameter. Deep-sea diver Alexis Rosenfeld said he was *stunning* / *stunned* when he came across the reef. He wrote: "It was *magical* / *magician* to witness giant, beautiful rose corals which stretch for as *farther* / *far* as the eye can see. It was like a work of art." Scientist Laetitia Hedouin said: "It's a very healthy reef. *In* / *On* the middle of the biodiversity crisis, this is very *well* / *good* news."

Scientists say the *vocation* / *location* of the Tahiti reef means it is *in* / *on* pristine condition. Most of the world's reefs are in *warmer* / *warmth* waters. This makes them prone to the bleaching effects of global warming. Tahiti's reef is deep *plenty* / *enough* to protect it from bleaching. There is still *suffice* / *sufficient* sunlight at 30 metres for coral to grow and reproduce. UNESCO said: "We think that *deeper* / *deepen* reefs may be better protected from global warming." It *beliefs* / *believes* the Tahiti reef is "one of the most extensive healthy coral reefs *on* / *in* record". It added that more mapping of the deep ocean needs to be *overtaken* / *undertaken*. It said: "We know more about the surface of the Moon or the *top* / *surface* of Mars than the deeper part of the ocean."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CORAL:** Make a poster about coral. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. OCEAN OR SPACE?:** Write a magazine article about spending more money on mapping our oceans than we do on space research. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on coral. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to protect coral reefs. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. g    6. e    7. c  
8. m    9. h    10. i    11. l    12. k    13. n    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 F    5 F    6 T    7 T    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. b	2. f	3. e	4. j	5. h
6. g	7. d	8. i	9. c	10. a

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 30 metres
- Undiscovered species
- Rose-shaped corals
- Magical
- A biodiversity crisis
- Pristine condition
- In warmer waters
- Reproduce
- More mapping of the ocean
- The surface of Mars and the Moon

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Marine biologists have unearthed a spectacular coral reef.
- Ocean vegetation contains previously undiscovered marine species.
- He was stunned when he discovered the reef.
- For as far as the eye can see.
- In the middle of the biodiversity crisis.
- This makes them prone to the bleaching effects.
- We think deeper reefs may be better protected.
- The most extensive healthy coral reefs on record.
- Mapping of the deep ocean should be undertaken.
- Know more about the surface of the Moon.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. c    4. a    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. d    10. c

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)