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SUBJECT: SOCIAL STUDIES

TOPIC: PROTECTING our MARINE RESOURCES



The Bahamas coral reefs are among the world's most beautiful places. They are breeding grounds for a variety of marine plants and animals. The second largest coral reef is located off the coast of Andros, the largest being found in Australia. Reefs are formed in warm, clear sea water. Reefs are valuable to our environment and are a great tourist attraction. We must protect our reefs.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Read the passage below. Fill in the blanks with the missing word that helps complete the passage.

A reef is a living _____ of many tiny organisms called _____. Reefs are only found in _____ water.

Reefs provide _____, _____, and breeding grounds for many fish and marine plants and animals.

Reefs protect _____ and coast lines from _____ by _____.

Coral reefs are easily destroyed, we must protect them at all costs.

Coral reefs are destroyed when boats let down their _____.

The use of _____ or other poisonous substances as a method of fishing can kill the polyps and it will affect the balance of the reef, leading to the complete destruction of the reef.

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