

READING UNIT 2

1. READ THE TEXT AND SAY IF THESE SENTENCES ARE TRUE OR FALSE.

What is happening in our oceans?

For many years scientists have been worried about our oceans. Oceans do an excellent job of controlling the temperature on Earth, but climate change means that the oceans are taking in the extra heat from the planet. So as the planet gets warmer, so do the oceans. If the oceans get too warm, many plants and animals that live in them might die.



An example of this is the coral reefs. Coral reef ecosystems are important for lots of reasons. They remove and recycle carbon dioxide and they also protect the land from bad weather. Lots of animals like sea turtles, sharks and many kinds of fish live on the reef and without it, many of these plants and animals would die.

Corals get their amazing colours from tiny algae that live in them. The most important thing that algae do is make food for the coral and also for many animals living in the coral reef. But, when the water gets too warm (more than 29°C) the algae stop making food and die. This means that the coral loses its colour and turns white. This is called 'bleaching'. So, we need to look after our coral reefs.

- _____ 1. Oceans do an excellent job of controlling the temperature of water.
- _____ 2. If the temperature of water is too warm, animals and plants will probably die.
- _____ 3. Without coral reefs, many aquatic animals and plants would disappear.
- _____ 4. The algae makes food only for the corals.
- _____ 5. 'Bleaching' is the name of the effect of turning corals into white color, due to the high temperatures of water.

2. READ AND COMPLETE THE TEXT:

Welcome to South Africa

South Africa is famous for its beautiful (1) _____.



There are (2) _____, beaches and lakes.



The capital Cape Town has got a big (3) _____.



There are some cliffs near Cape Town that people like to visit. South Africa has many pretty seaside towns.

Mossey (4) _____ is very popular with tourists because of its great beaches.



There are also several (5) _____ near the beach if you want to go camping.



If you are interested in seeing wildlife, you can go on safari and see elephants, giraffes, lions and lots more animals. You can sleep in a (6) _____ under the stars and listen to the sounds of the animals.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____