

The Great Barrier Reef



The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef. It is close to the coast of Queensland, Australia. It is made up of nearly 3,000 coral reefs and has 600 islands. It is over 2,600km long. It is so big; it can be seen from space.

The Great Barrier Reef is the largest area made by living things. Because it is so important for the environment, it has been named an important world heritage site.

Captain James Cook discovered the reef by accident on 11 June 1770 when his ship, name the Endeavor crashed into it.

The Great Barrier Reef has 14,000 different plants and animals living there, including many endangered species.

It is important to look after the reef. Climate change, illegal fishing and polluted water are the biggest threats to the reef.

1. MATCH THE QUESTIONS AND THE ANSWERS

How long is the Great Barrier Reef?

1770

When did James Cook crash into the Great Barrier Reef?

14,000

Where is it situated?

Climate change, illegal fishing and pollution

How many different plants and animals live there?

Close to the coast of Queensland

Which are the biggest threats of the Reef?

2,600 km

2. **A SYNONYM IS A WORD THAT MEANS THE SAME. For example: *child and kid* are synonym**

THESE WORDS ARE SYNONYMS. LOOK AT THE TEXT AND MATCH THEM:

	<u>Words in the text</u>
biggest	look after
near to	important
consists of	largest
relevant	threat
take care	close to
risk	made up of