

Level 4. Coral Reef Diary

# Alpha Readers

## Coral Reef Diary



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**A Write each vocabulary word next to its meaning.**

island reef observatory polyp snorkel tentacle cucumber

1. \_\_\_\_\_ : a long, thin vegetable with a dark green skin
2. \_\_\_\_\_ : a long line of rocks, plants just below or above the surface of the sea
3. \_\_\_\_\_ : a building which scientists can watch things like stars
4. \_\_\_\_\_ : one of the long thin soft parts like legs that some sea animals have
5. \_\_\_\_\_ : a piece of land that is surrounded by water
6. \_\_\_\_\_ : a short tube that a person swimming just below the surface of the water can use to breathe through
7. \_\_\_\_\_ : a long line of rocks and plants below or above the surface of the sea

**B Circle the word with the same meaning as the underlined word.**

1. I had to wear a mask, flippers, and goggles.  
 a) make up                      b) take off                      c) put on                      d) put down
2. They hide in the reef to stay safe.  
 a) sit                                  b) remain                      c) take                      d) have
3. We saw a very strange animal on the coral.  
 a) funny                              b) common                      c) amazing                      d) odd
4. They are animals that have poisonous tentacles.  
 a) toxic                                  b) fantastic                      c) tiny                      d) small

**C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.**

1. We **went** \_\_\_\_\_ a **walk** in the rainforest on the island.
2. Some coral was soft and moved **back and** \_\_\_\_\_ in the water.
3. Dad showed me how to **breathe** \_\_\_\_\_ the snorkel.
4. The sea cucumber didn't look like a cucumber **at** \_\_\_\_\_.
5. She **took** her video camera \_\_\_\_\_ her.
6. One day when I **grow** \_\_\_\_\_ I will dive all around the reef.

up  
for  
forth  
with  
all  
through

**D Change the sentence into a correct one.**

**Be + busy + ~ing**

You can use **~ing** form after **be + busy**.

Ex.) I **am busy write** letters. (X)    I **am busy writing** a letters. (O)

1. Mom was busy make her video. → \_\_\_\_\_
2. I am busy study for the test. → \_\_\_\_\_
3. She is busy do her homework. → \_\_\_\_\_
4. He is busy work on the farm. → \_\_\_\_\_
5. My dad is busy fix my bike. → \_\_\_\_\_
6. They are busy clean the house. → \_\_\_\_\_

**A Answer the following questions.**

1. Where did the girl's family go?
  - a) They went to Green Mountain.
  - b) They went to Green Island.
  - c) They went to Green River.
  
2. Why was the girl's mom busy?
  - a) because she had to meet her friends
  - b) because she had a plan to look around the island
  - c) because she had to dive and make her video about Great Barrier Reef
  
3. What did the girl do to see the reef better?
  - a) She learned how to snorkel from her dad.
  - b) She went to the underwater observatory.
  - c) She watched it on her mom's video camera.
  
4. What id NOT true about anemones?
  - a) They look like plants.
  - b) They are animals that have poisonous tentacles.
  - c) They can hurt the clown fish.

**B Read and circle "T" for true or "F" for false.**

1. Tiny animals that make coral are called polyps. T / F
  
2. If a fish bites off a sea star's arm, it can grow a new one. T / F
  
3. The girl learned to snorkel but she was still scared. T / F
  
4. The girl saw a sea cucumber that just looked like a cucumber. T / F
  
5. The girl wants to dive all around the reef when she grows up. T / F

**C Complete the sentences about the coral reef from the girl's diary.**

polyps, reef, sea cucumber, thousands, clown fish, sea star, moray eel



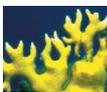
Many fish find their food around the \_\_\_\_\_.



Tiny animals that are called \_\_\_\_\_ make coral.



The coral has taken \_\_\_\_\_ of years to grow.



\_\_\_\_\_ is in the same animal family as the slugs that live in our garden.



If a fish bites off a \_\_\_\_\_'s arm it can grow a new one.



A \_\_\_\_\_ hides in the reef and quickly swims out to catch fish to eat.



\_\_\_\_\_ swim around the anemones. The anemones can't hurt the \_\_\_\_\_ even if they have poisonous tentacles.

**D Complete a diary about what you did today.**

Date : \_\_\_\_\_  
month day(+<sup>th</sup>)

What did you do today?

I \_\_\_\_\_

Did you like to do it?

Yes/No, I \_\_\_\_\_

What did you learn today? Or how was your day?

I \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_