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Theme Based Study Sheet

Great Barrier Reef facts

The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef.

It is located off the coast of Queensland in Australia and is over 2000 km in length .

It is a World Heritage Site.

The Great Barrier Reef can be seen from space.

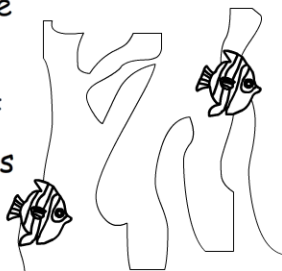
There are more than 700 islands and 2900 separate coral reefs.

The reef is built by living organisms, tiny hard corals that are no bigger than a fingernail.

When corals die their limestone skeletons build upon one another to form the base of the reef.

The oldest coral on the Great Barrier Reef is about 1,000 years old.

Do you know any more facts about the Great Barrier Reef?



Drawing

The Great barrier Reef has many different and colourful corals, fish, starfish, shells, turtles, crabs and other animals.

Draw a picture of part of a coral reef. Label some of the different creatures.

What is your favourite coral reef creature?



Verbs

Verbs are words to describe actions.

Select the most suitable verb to complete each sentence.

The clownfish _____ around the anemone. (swam / walked)

The dolphin _____ out of the water. (ran / jumped)

Coral _____ very slowly. (grows / swims)

The shark _____ the turtle. (chased / played)

The crab _____ over the coral. (jumped / crawled)

Patterns

Continue the pattern. What comes next?



Continue the number pattern.

2, 4, 6, ____

5, 10, 15, ____

3, 6, 9, ____

10, 20, 30, ____

1, 3, 5, ____

4, 8, 12, ____

Extension research

Research the crown-of-thorns starfish.

Why is the crown-of-thorns starfish a threat to the Great Barrier Reef? What does it eat?



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