

# E-TEP Reading Passage 1

## The Importance of Coral Reefs

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### Reading Passage

#### Paragraph A

Coral reefs are often called the "rainforests of the sea" because of their incredible biodiversity. They provide shelter, food, and breeding grounds for thousands of marine species. Coral reefs also protect coastal areas from strong waves and storms, reducing damage to coastal communities. However, these ecosystems are very **sensitive** and are **threatened** by pollution, climate change, and overfishing.

#### Paragraph B

Coral reefs are not only important for marine life but also for humans. They support millions of people worldwide by providing food, jobs, and income through fishing and tourism. In many tropical countries, coral reefs are a major part of the economy. Healthy reefs **attract** tourists who enjoy activities like snorkeling and diving, helping local businesses grow.

#### Paragraph C

Sadly, coral reefs around the world are **facing** serious threats. Rising ocean temperatures cause coral to bleach, where corals lose their color and become weaker. Pollution from land, such as plastic waste and chemicals, also damages coral health. Protecting coral reefs **requires** global cooperation and strong **conservation** efforts, such as reducing carbon emissions and limiting harmful fishing practices.

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### VOCABULARY PREVIEW

Match the words in bold with the correct definitions.

sensitive (adj) → \_\_\_\_\_

threaten (v) → \_\_\_\_\_

attract (v) → \_\_\_\_\_

face (v) → \_\_\_\_\_

require (v) → \_\_\_\_\_

conservation (n) → \_\_\_\_\_

- a) to pull or draw something closer or to make something interested
- b) to need something
- c) easily affected or hurt by changes or actions
- d) protecting nature and the environment
- e) to deal with a difficult situation or problem
- f) to say or act like something bad might happen

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**Complete the sentences with the words from Exercise 1. Change the word form if necessary.**

1. Factories that pollute the ocean \_\_\_\_\_ the survival of coral reefs.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is important to protect natural places like forests and reefs.
3. Beautiful beaches \_\_\_\_\_ many tourists every year.
4. Fixing the damage will \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of time and money.
5. Coral reefs are very \_\_\_\_\_ to changes in water temperature.
6. Many coral reefs now \_\_\_\_\_ serious problems because of pollution.

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## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. **What is the main purpose of the text?**  
A) To explain the dangers of traveling by sea  
B) To describe why coral reefs are important and how they are threatened  
C) To teach people how to fish safely near coral reefs
2. **What would be the best title for this passage?**  
A) How to Catch Fish Near Reefs  
B) The Problems of Plastic Waste  
C) Why Coral Reefs Must Be Protected
3. **Which paragraph talks about the economic importance of coral reefs for people?**  
A) Paragraph A  
B) Paragraph B  
C) Paragraph C
4. **What does the pronoun "these ecosystems" in Paragraph A refer to?**  
A) Coastal communities  
B) Coral reefs  
C) Marine species
5. **According to the passage, what happens when ocean temperatures rise?**  
A) Coral reefs grow faster.  
B) Coral reefs lose their color and strength.  
C) Coral reefs become safer for fish.
6. **Sentence Completion:**  
The passage suggests that protecting coral reefs...  
A) requires only local government efforts.  
B) needs global cooperation and actions.  
C) is no longer necessary for the environment.

## Answer Key

### Vocabulary Match

1. sensitive → c
2. threaten → f
3. attract → a
4. face → e
5. require → b
6. conservation → d

### Complete the sentences

1. threaten
2. conservation
3. attract
4. require
5. sensitive
6. face

### Comprehension Questions

1. B
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. B



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