

Lesson 130 • Coral Reefs

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Working out Word Meanings

We can often use clues in the text to help us work out the meaning of words we do not understand.

Read the passage.

Underline the sentence that contains the clue to question 1's answer.

Color two sentences that contain clues to question 3's answer.

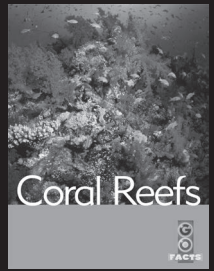
Many reef fish have bright colors. This provides them with good camouflage. Colorful spots and stripes make them difficult to see among the coral. Some fish can even change their color to hide from predators. Others, such as trumpetfish, are predators that change color to trick their prey.

Circle the word that is the name for the animals predators catch.

Color the correct answers.

- Which option **best** describes what camouflage is?
 - scales
 - a disguise
 - color
 - speed
- Which key phrase is the **clue** to question 1's answer?
 - bright colors
 - Colorful spots and stripes
 - trick their prey
 - make them difficult to see
- Which option **best** describes a predator?
 - a hunter
 - a victim
 - an old fish
 - a large fish
- What are the **two best clues** to question 3's answer? Some fish ...
 - have to hide from predators.
 - have bright colors.
 - are predators that change color to trick their prey.
 - have good camouflage.
- Which word in the passage is the **opposite** of predator?
 - fish
 - spots
 - trick
 - prey

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Read the passage.

Highlight the words that help us work out the meaning of *fragile*.

Circle the key word that tells us what happens when there are no longer any trees to protect the ground.

Coral reefs are fragile and they need to be protected. There are some natural threats to coral reefs, but people cause the most damage. Coral needs clear water to grow. When forests are cut down on land, erosion washes soil into the ocean. The plants inside the corals stop growing and the corals begin to die. Pollution caused by industry and shipping can also poison coral polyps. Ships leak fuel into the water and the boat anchors break off coral. Oil spills can cause huge damage as well.

Underline the words and phrases that show how people damage coral reefs.

In paragraph 3, color three words that help to explain the word *pollution*.

1 What does the phrase *need to be protected* suggest about the meaning of the word, fragile?

2 Use the **clues** in paragraph 2 to help you write a definition for the word, erosion.

3 Use the **clues** in paragraph 3 to help you write a definition for the word, pollution.
