

## FOCUS ON **CORAL REEFS**

1. Write a letter to a friend that describes how coral reefs are formed.
2. Do you think people should be allowed to dive near coral reefs? Why or why not?
3. What kind of corals build reefs?
  - A. soft corals
  - B. stony corals
  - C. all corals
4. How do coral reefs protect the coast?
  - A. The waves splash against the coral reefs and water plants on shore.
  - B. The waves wear away at the coral reefs instead of the shoreline.
  - C. The waves go underneath the coral reefs and do not hit the shore.
5. What does **barrier** mean in this book?

*The reefs act like a **barrier**. Waves must go past the reefs to reach the shore.*

  - A. a small part of something larger
  - B. a fancy decoration used to make something more beautiful
  - C. a structure placed in front of something to protect it
6. What does **delicate** mean in this book?

*In calmer areas, corals may be thinner or more **delicate**.*

  - A. easily broken or damaged
  - B. very hard and thick
  - C. difficult to see

## Answer Key:

1. Answers will vary
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3. B
4. B
5. C
6. A