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Level 4 Massive coral reef found in Amazon River

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Please try the harder Level 5 and the 26-page Level 6 (harder).



THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160425-coral-reef-4.html

Scientists have found a huge coral reef in the Amazon River. The scientists were on an expedition to learn more about plumes. These are the areas where a river meets the sea, and the freshwater and saltwater mix. The reef covers an area of 5,800 square kilometres. It stretches from the French Guiana coast to the Brazilian rainforest. Reefs are rarely found in rivers because the water is usually too muddy. It also does not contain enough salt.

The scientists explored just 10 per cent of the reef. They found 73 species of reef fish, some carnivorous. They also found sponges, creatures and other marine life that had adapted to life in the dark water. A researcher said: "We brought up the most amazing and colorful animals I have ever seen." However, the area will be explored for oil. The researcher warned that the impact of ocean warming and oil exploration will put the whole system at risk.

Sources: http://edition.cnn.com/2016/04/23/world/amazon-river-coral-reef-irpt/ http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/04/220416-Amazon-coral-reef-Brazil-ocean-river-fish/ http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/apr/22/huge-coral-reef-discovered-at-amazonriver-mouth

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

| 1. | Scientists have found a huge | а. | mix |
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b.

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f.

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h.

French Guiana coast

area of 5,800 sq kilometres

an expedition

found in rivers

coral reef

enough salt

meets the sea

- 2. The scientists were on
- 3. the areas where a river
- 4. freshwater and saltwater
- 5. The reef covers an
- 6. It stretches from the
- 7. Reefs are rarely
- 8. It also does not contain

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. The scientists explored just in the dark water a. 2. They found 73 species life b. 3. other marine warming c. 4. adapted to life d. for oil 5. the most amazing and 10 per cent of the reef e. 6. the area will be explored f. at risk 7. the impact of ocean of reef fish g. 8. put the whole system colorful animals h.

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LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists (1) ______ huge coral reef in the Amazon River. The scientists (2) ______ expedition to learn more about plumes. These are the areas where (3) ______ the sea, and the freshwater and saltwater mix. The reef (4) ______ of 5,800 square kilometres. (5) the French Guiana coast to the Brazilian rainforest. Reefs are rarely found in rivers because the water is usually too muddy. It also does (6) salt. The scientists (7) per cent of the reef. They found 73 species of reef fish, some carnivorous. They (8) _____, creatures and (9) that had adapted to life in the dark water. A researcher said: "We (10) _____ most amazing and colorful animals I have ever seen." However, the (11) ______ for oil. The researcher warned that the impact warming and oil exploration will put the whole of ocean (12) _____.

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CORAL REEFS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about coral reefs in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 | STUDENT 2 | STUDENT 3 |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Q.1. | | | |
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| Q.2. | | | |
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| Q.3. | | | |
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| Q.4. | | | |
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| Q.5. | | | |
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- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

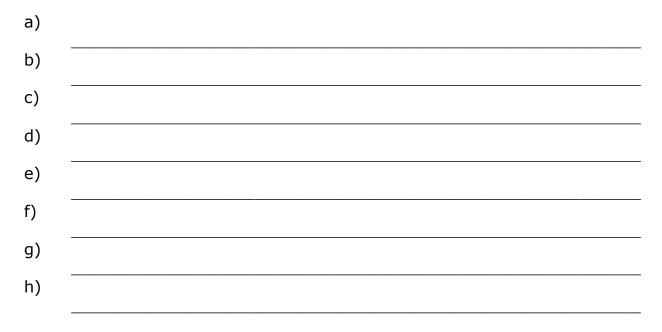
Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

| a) | | |
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| b) | | |
| c) | | |
| d) | | |
| e) | | |
| f) | | |
| g) | | |
| h) | | |
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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).



FREE WRITING

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Write about **coral reefs** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.