

The Great Barrier Reef



Where Is the Great Barrier Reef?

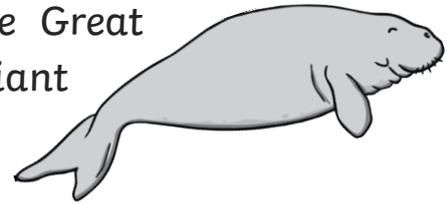
The Great Barrier Reef is in Australia. It has 2900 reefs and 900 islands. The Great Barrier Reef is in the Coral Sea, near Queensland.

How Big Is the Great Barrier Reef?

The Great Barrier Reef is 2600 kilometres long. It is the world's biggest living structure. Astronauts can see it from outer space!

Which Animals Live in the Great Barrier Reef?

Many thousands of animals live in the Great Barrier Reef, such as fish, sea turtles, giant clam, seahorses, sea snakes, sea turtles, stingrays, sharks and many more.



What Else Lives in the Great Barrier Reef?

Many other species live in the Great Barrier Reef; including corals and sponges. 360 species of hard coral grow there. Hot weather and warm water are bad for coral and cause 'coral bleaching'.

How Do Aboriginal People Use the Great Barrier Reef?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are the traditional owners of the Great Barrier Reef. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have used the sea to give them food for thousands of years. Today, food from the sea is important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who still collect food and prepare meals using their traditional methods.



Questions

1. In which country is the Great Barrier Reef?

2. In which sea is the Great Barrier Reef?

3. From where can the Great Barrier Reef be seen?

4. List four animals that live in the Great Barrier Reef.

5. What causes coral bleaching?

6. Who are the owners of the Great Barrier Reef?

7. What do these people use the Great Barrier Reef for?

8. Describe an interesting fact that you have learned about the Great Barrier Reef.

9. Draw a picture of what you think the Great Barrier Reef looks like.

