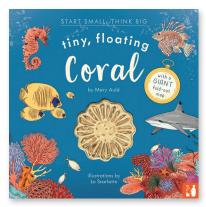
## Activity 5



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## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT: CORAL REEFS?

## **Lead-in activity**

Read *Tiny, Floating Coral* and look at the illustrations together, paying particular attention to the information the children will need to answer the questions below.



What are coral?

- a) rocks
- b) plants
- c) animals

What happens when a coral polyp is budding?



- a) it's making friends
- b) it's splitting in two
- c) it's growing flowers



What is the chalky substance a coral makes?

- a) shell
- b) corallite
- c) bone



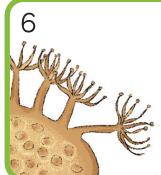
What is the coral doing in this picture?

- a) breathing
- b) eating
- c) spawning



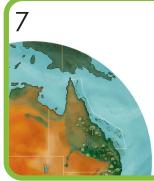
What hungry animal needs to be removed from coral reefs?

- a) reef shark
- b) crown-of-thorns starfish
- c) green turtle



Which one of these is not true of a coral's tentacles?

- a) they sting
- b) they catch food
- c) they are used to walk around the seabed



The Great Barrier Reef stretches how far down the coast of Australia?

- a) over 2,300 km
- b) over 230 km
- c) over 23 km



What causes coral bleaching (going white)?

- a) the algae leaves
- b) sunlight
- c) the coral dies