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National Geographic Readers: Coral Reefs: Criss Cross

Answer clues based on the content and vocabulary words from National Geographic Readers: Coral Reefs. Look for hints in the Word Bank. Print the puzzle or use on your tablet, phone, or computer.

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- **2.** Reefs block big from crashing on the shore.
- **4.** Many animals use ___ to hide along the reef.
- **6.** An is all the living and nonliving things in an area.
- **7.** ___ sometimes spills into the ocean and can harm reefs.
- **8.** ___ wrap their tails around pieces of coral.
- **9.** Coral reefs are made of hard coral ____.

Down

- 1. The crest ___ is the highest part of the reef.
- 3. Tiny ___ live inside the coral polyp's soft bodies.
- **5.** Earth's largest coral reef system is off the coast of ____.
- 8. Coral reefs need ___ and warm temperatures year-round to survive.

Word Bank

AUSTRALIA	POLYPS	ECOSYSTEM	SUNLIGHT
ZONE	SEAHORSES	CAMOUFLAGE	ALGAE
WAVES	POLLUTION		

Answer Key

