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## **Level 4**

# **Massive coral reef found in Amazon River**

**25th April, 2016**

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# 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/>  
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# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Scientists have found a huge | a. mix                         |
| 2. The scientists were on       | b. French Guiana coast         |
| 3. the areas where a river      | c. an expedition               |
| 4. freshwater and saltwater     | d. area of 5,800 sq kilometres |
| 5. The reef covers an           | e. found in rivers             |
| 6. It stretches from the        | f. coral reef                  |
| 7. Reefs are rarely             | g. enough salt                 |
| 8. It also does not contain     | h. meets the sea               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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

# 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 of ocean warming and oil exploration will put the whole (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# CORAL REEFS SURVEY

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

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.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- 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)

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).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

