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Level 4

Great Barrier Reef valued at \$42.5 billion

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THE READING

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The Great Barrier Reef has been valued for the first time. The company Deloitte Access Economics has put a figure on one of nature's most spectacular wonders. It valued the reef at US\$42.5 billion, and said it was worth US\$4.9 billion a year to Australia's economy. The reef supports 64,000 full-time jobs in tourism, fishing, recreation and research. This is much more than Australia's national airline and many other major businesses employ.

Putting a value on the World Heritage-listed reef may help to conserve it. People will look after it better if they know how valuable it is. Deloitte said the reef is worth "more than 12 Sydney Opera Houses". A local businessman said it was "astounding" that a value was put on the reef. He questioned why people needed to link the reef with money. He said: "We have a social conscience to look after the Great Barrier Reef."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. valued for the first | a. wonders |
| 2. put a figure on | b. and research |
| 3. nature's most spectacular | c. time |
| 4. worth US\$4.9 billion a year | d. in tourism |
| 5. 64,000 full-time jobs | e. businesses |
| 6. fishing, recreation | f. one |
| 7. Australia's national | g. to Australia's economy |
| 8. many other major | h. airline |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Putting a value on the World | a. put on the reef |
| 2. help to | b. conscience |
| 3. People will look | c. valuable it is |
| 4. they know how | d. Great Barrier Reef |
| 5. the reef is worth | e. after it better |
| 6. astounding that a value was | f. Heritage-listed reef |
| 7. We have a social | g. more |
| 8. look after the | h. conserve it |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Great Barrier Reef (1) _____ for the first time. The company Deloitte Access Economics has (2) _____ one of nature's most spectacular wonders. It (3) _____ at US\$42.5 billion, and (4) _____ US\$4.9 billion a year to Australia's economy. The reef supports 64,000 (5) _____ tourism, fishing, recreation and research. This is much more than Australia's national airline and (6) _____ businesses employ.

Putting (7) _____ World Heritage-listed reef may help to conserve it. People will (8) _____ better if they know how valuable it is. Deloitte said (9) _____ "more than 12 Sydney Opera Houses". A local (10) _____ it was "astounding" that a value (11) _____ reef. He questioned why people needed to link the reef with money. He said: "We have a (12) _____ to look after the Great Barrier Reef."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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mejobsintourism,fishing,recreationandresearch.Thisismuchmoreth
anAustralia'snationalairlineandmanyothermajorbusinessesemploy.
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THE GREAT BARRIER REEF SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Great Barrier Reef 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) _____

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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) _____

