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Great Barrier Reef valued at \$42.5 billion

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THE ARTICLE

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Australia's world-famous Great Barrier Reef has been assigned a monetary value for the first time. The financial advising company Deloitte Access Economics has outlined the worth of one of nature's most spectacular wonders. Deloitte's report puts a value of US\$42.5 billion on the reef, and a worth of US\$4.9 billion a year to the Australian economy. It also supports 64,000 full-time jobs in the tourism, fishing, recreation and scientific research industries. This is over three times more than those employed by Australia's national airline Qantas. The report says: "The livelihoods and businesses the reef supports across Australia far exceeds the numbers supported by many industries we would consider too big to fail."

Deloitte says quantifying the World Heritage-listed reef's worth is one attempt at conserving it for future generations. People will look after the reef better if they know how valuable it is. Deloitte said the reef is worth "more than 12 Sydney Opera Houses". However, the reef and its 1,700 fish species are in danger. Global warming is bleaching and killing the reef's coral. A local businessman said it was "astounding" that a value was put on the reef. He said: "Why on earth do we need...to quantify it in terms of money? We have a social conscience to look after the Great Barrier Reef.... It's on our doorstep and we should be looking after it." He added: "If that motivates our politicians...then that is good."

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WARM-UPS

1. THE GREAT BARRIER REEF: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Great Barrier Reef. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

world-famous / monetary / value / financial / tourism / employed / airline / reef /
quantifying / future / generations / valuable / coral / astounding / social / politicians

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. VALUE: Students A **strongly** believe a value should be put on all the world's natural wonders; Students B **strongly** believe that's silly. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. VALUABLE: How valuable are these natural wonders? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How valuable?	Who to?	Dangers to it
Great Barrier Reef			
The Sahara Desert			
The Amazon Rainforest			
Mount Everest			
Antarctica			
The Serengeti			

5. FISH: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "fish". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. NATURAL WONDERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most spectacular natural wonders at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Great Barrier Reef
- The Sahara Desert
- The Amazon Rainforest
- Mount Everest
- Antarctica
- The Serengeti
- Norwegian Fjords
- Niagara Falls

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170701-great-barrier-reef.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. It is the second time the reef has been given a monetary value. **T / F**
- b. The reef is worth over US\$5 billion a year to the Australian economy. **T / F**
- c. The reef supports 64,000 full-time jobs. **T / F**
- d. Most Australian industries support more full-time jobs than the reef. **T / F**
- e. The article says people will care for the reef more if they know its value. **T / F**
- f. Deloitte said the reef is worth as much as 12 Sydney Opera Houses. **T / F**
- g. Global warming is not bleaching the Great Barrier Reef. **T / F**
- h. A local businessman said the reef was on his doorstep. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. assigned | a. deem |
| 2. worth | b. surpasses |
| 3. spectacular | c. amazing |
| 4. exceeds | d. value |
| 5. consider | e. encourages |
| 6. attempt | f. effort |
| 7. valuable | g. given |
| 8. astounding | h. nearby |
| 9. on our doorstep | i. picturesque |
| 10. motivates | j. precious |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. assigned a monetary | a. big to fail |
| 2. one of nature's most spectacular | b. the reef's coral |
| 3. It also supports | c. generations |
| 4. livelihoods | d. wonders |
| 5. industries we would consider too | e. of money |
| 6. conserving it for future | f. 64,000 full-time jobs |
| 7. if they know how | g. value for the first time |
| 8. bleaching and killing | h. and businesses |
| 9. quantify it in terms | i. doorstep |
| 10. It's on our | j. valuable it is |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170701-great-barrier-reef.html>

Australia's world-famous Great Barrier Reef has been (1) _____ a monetary value for the first time. The financial (2) _____ company Deloitte Access Economics has (3) _____ the worth of one of nature's most spectacular wonders. Deloitte's report puts a value of US\$42.5 billion on the reef, and a worth of US\$4.9 billion a year to the Australian economy. It also (4) _____ 64,000 full-time jobs in the tourism, fishing, recreation and scientific research (5) _____. This is over three times more than those employed by Australia's national airline Qantas. The report says: "The (6) _____ and businesses the reef supports across Australia far (7) _____ the numbers supported by many industries we would consider too big to (8) _____."

supports
livelihoods
assigned
fail
advising
industries
exceeds
outlined

Deloitte says quantifying the World Heritage-listed reef's (9) _____ is one attempt at conserving it for future (10) _____. People will look after the reef better if they know how (11) _____ it is. Deloitte said the reef is worth "more than 12 Sydney Opera Houses". However, the reef and its 1,700 fish (12) _____ are in danger. Global warming is bleaching and killing the reef's coral. A local businessman said it was "(13) _____ " that a value was put on the reef. He said: "Why on earth do we need...to quantify it in terms of money? We have a (14) _____ conscience to look after the Great Barrier Reef... It's on our (15) _____ and we should be looking after it." He added: "If that (16) _____ our politicians...then that is good."

social
generations
species
motivates
worth
doorstep
astounding
valuable

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170701-great-barrier-reef.html>

- 1) Great Barrier Reef has been assigned a monetary _____ time
 - a. valued for the first
 - b. values for the first
 - c. value for the first
 - d. valuer for the first
- 2) Deloitte Access Economics has outlined the worth of one of nature's _____
 - a. must spectacular wonders
 - b. most spectacular wonders
 - c. mast spectacular wonders
 - d. mist spectacular wonders
- 3) Deloitte's report puts a value of US\$42.5 billion _____
 - a. on the reef
 - b. in the reef
 - c. of the reef
 - d. at the reef
- 4) This is over three times more than those employed by Australia's _____ Qantas
 - a. national airliner
 - b. nationals airline
 - c. nationals airliner
 - d. national airline
- 5) supported by many industries we would consider _____
 - a. too big to failure
 - b. too big to fail
 - c. too big to failing
 - d. too big to fails
- 6) ... the World Heritage-listed reef's worth is one attempt at conserving it _____
 - a. for future generation
 - b. four future generations
 - c. far future generations
 - d. for future generations
- 7) People will look after the reef better if they know how _____
 - a. value a ball it is
 - b. valuable it is
 - c. valuables it is
 - d. value able it is
- 8) He said: "Why on earth do we need...to quantify it _____?"
 - a. in terms of money
 - b. in teams of money
 - c. in turns of money
 - d. in times of money
- 9) We have a social conscience to look after the Great Barrier Reef.... It's _____
 - a. in our doorsteps
 - b. on our doorstep
 - c. of our doorstep
 - d. in our doorstep
- 10) and we should be looking after it." He added: "If that _____ politicians...
 - a. motivate ours
 - b. motivates your
 - c. motivate our
 - d. motivates our

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170701-great-barrier-reef.html>

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170701-great-barrier-reef.html>

1. What kind of value has been assigned to the Great Barrier Reef?
2. What kind of wonder did the article call the Great Barrier Reef?
3. How much is the reef worth to the Australian economy each year?
4. How many full-time jobs does the reef support?
5. What is the name of Australia's national airline?
6. Who did Deloitte say the reef is being conserved for?
7. How many Sydney Opera Houses have the same value as the reef?
8. What is global warming doing to the reef?
9. Who said he was astounded?
10. Where did a local businessman say the Great Barrier Reef was located?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170701-great-barrier-reef.html>

- 1) What kind of value has been assigned to the Great Barrier Reef?
 - a) a marine value
 - b) a scientific value
 - c) a monetary value
 - d) a fishy value
- 2) What kind of wonder did the article call the Great Barrier Reef?
 - a) a spectacular wonder
 - b) the ninth wonder
 - c) a digital wonder
 - d) a human-made wonder
- 3) How much is the reef worth to the Australian economy each year?
 - a) US\$4.9 billion
 - b) US\$49 billion
 - c) US\$42.5 billion
 - d) US\$4.25 billion
- 4) How many full-time jobs does the reef support?
 - a) 164,000
 - b) 64,000
 - c) 146,000
 - d) 46,000
- 5) What is the name of Australia's national airline?
 - a) Air Australia
 - b) Australian Airlines
 - c) Boomerang Air
 - d) Qantas
- 6) Who did Deloitte say the reef is being conserved for?
 - a) politicians
 - b) future generations
 - c) the tourism industry
 - d) fish
- 7) How many Sydney Opera Houses have the same value as the reef?
 - a) 12
 - b) 14
 - c) 16
 - d) 18
- 8) What is global warming doing to the reef?
 - a) increasing it
 - b) diluting it
 - c) bleaching it
 - d) exceeding it
- 9) Who said he was astounded?
 - a) a politician
 - b) a fisherman
 - c) a marine biologist
 - d) a local businessman
- 10) Where did a local businessman say the Great Barrier Reef was located?
 - a) on our doorstep
 - b) in the north
 - c) near here
 - d) over there

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170701-great-barrier-reef.html>

Role A – Great Barrier Reef

You think the Great Barrier Reef is the world's most precious natural wonder. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their wonders aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least great of these (and why): Amazon Rainforest, Mount Everest or Niagara Falls.

Role B – Amazon Rainforest

You think the Amazon Rainforest is the world's most precious natural wonder. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their wonders aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least great of these (and why): Great Barrier Reef, Mount Everest or Niagara Falls.

Role C – Mount Everest

You think Mount Everest is the world's most precious natural wonder. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their wonders aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least great of these (and why): Amazon Rainforest, Great Barrier Reef or Niagara Falls.

Role D – Niagara Falls

You think Niagara Falls is the world's most precious natural wonder. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their wonders aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least great of these (and why): Amazon Rainforest, Mount Everest or Great Barrier Reef.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170701-great-barrier-reef.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'barrier' and 'reef'.

barrier	reef
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• first• wonders• economy• tourism• over• big	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• far• know• 12• 1,700• earth• looking
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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.

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'reef'?
3. What do you know about the Great Barrier Reef?
4. What use is there of putting a monetary value on the reef?
5. How do you think the company valued the reef?
6. Should all natural wonders be valued?
7. Should someone be able to buy the Great Barrier Reef?
8. What dangers does the Great Barrier Reef face?
9. Would it be useful to treat the Great Barrier Reef as a company?
10. What is the best way to protect the Great Barrier Reef?

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THE GREAT BARRIER REEF DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'value'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think the Great Barrier Reef will be like in 100 years?
15. Do you think people will value the reef more?
16. What do you think of the comparison with 12 Sydney Opera Houses?
17. What damage does bleaching do to the reef?
18. How will a social conscience help the reef?
19. What can politicians do to help the reef?
20. What questions would you like to ask Deloitte?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) resigned | (b) consigned | (c) assigned | (d) singed |
| 2. | (a) advising | (b) advise | (c) advisor | (d) advised |
| 3. | (a) worth | (b) worthy | (c) worthwhile | (d) worthless |
| 4. | (a) industries | (b) industry | (c) industrialize | (d) industrious |
| 5. | (a) to | (b) as | (c) on | (d) by |
| 6. | (a) fur | (b) fir | (c) for | (d) far |
| 7. | (a) one | (b) only | (c) once | (d) oneness |
| 8. | (a) valuation | (b) values | (c) valuing | (d) valuable |
| 9. | (a) species | (b) specials | (c) specs | (d) spectres |
| 10. | (a) valet | (b) value | (c) vale | (d) valve |
| 11. | (a) to | (b) in | (c) on | (d) at |
| 12. | (a) doorstep | (b) instep | (c) out of step | (d) step by step |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. assigned a rotemya value
2. financial idgisnav company
3. nature's most scarualcept wonders
4. lovieshdilo and businesses
5. far xseeecd the numbers
6. supported by many ruetndiis

Paragraph 2

7. know how lulavaeb it is
8. 1,700 fish iescsep are in danger
9. A local businessman said it was sngnidaout
10. iuyantqf it in terms of money
11. We have a social encosecnic
12. If that sitmetoav our politicians

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () exceeds the numbers supported by many industries we would consider too big to fail."
- () advising company Deloitte Access Economics has outlined the worth of one of nature's most spectacular
- () and scientific research industries. This is over three times more than those employed by Australia's national
- () a year to the Australian economy. It also supports 64,000 full-time jobs in the tourism, fishing, recreation
- () wonders. Deloitte's report puts a value of US\$42.5 billion on the reef, and a worth of US\$4.9 billion
- () airline Qantas. The report says: "The livelihoods and businesses the reef supports across Australia far
- () on the reef. He said: "Why on earth do we need...to quantify it in terms of money? We have a social
- () generations. People will look after the reef better if they know how valuable it is. Deloitte said the reef is worth "more than
- (**1**) Australia's world-famous Great Barrier Reef has been assigned a monetary value for the first time. The financial
- () conscience to look after the Great Barrier Reef... It's on our doorstep and we should be
- () looking after it." He added: "If that motivates our politicians...then that is good."
- () bleaching and killing the reef's coral. A local businessman said it was "astounding" that a value was put
- () 12 Sydney Opera Houses". However, the reef and its 1,700 fish species are in danger. Global warming is
- () Deloitte says quantifying the World Heritage-listed reef's worth is one attempt at conserving it for future

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. worth most of spectacular one wonders of The nature's .
2. supports the full-time also in 64,000 It jobs , industry tourism .
3. three employed times This more is than over those .
4. reef The and the supports livelihoods businesses .
5. too industries big we to would fail consider Many .
6. conserving at attempt One generations future for it .
7. the if People after better know look reef they will .
8. earth need it on we quantify Why do to?
9. and we should be looking after it It's on our doorstep .
10. is that politicians that If our then good motivates , .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170701-great-barrier-reef.html>

Australia's world-famous Great Barrier Reef has been *assessed / assigned* a monetary *value / valve* for the first time. The financial advising company Deloitte Access Economics has outlined the *worthy / worth* of one of nature's most spectacular *wonders / wonderful*. Deloitte's report puts a value of US\$42.5 billion on the reef, and a worth of US\$4.9 billion a year to the Australian *economic / economy*. It also supports 64,000 full-time jobs in the tourism, fishing, recreation and scientific research *industrial / industries*. This is over three times more than those *employable / employed* by Australia's national airline Qantas. The report says: "The *livelihoods / lively* and businesses the reef *supportive / supports* across Australia far exceeds the numbers supported by many industries we would *consideration / consider* too big to fail."

Deloitte says *quantifying / quantity* the World Heritage-listed reef's worth is *one / once* attempt at conserving it for *future / futures* generations. People will look after the reef better if they know how *valuation / valuable* it is. Deloitte said the reef is worth "more than 12 Sydney Opera Houses". However, the reef and its 1,700 fish species are *on / in* danger. Global warming is *bleaching / breaching* and killing the reef's coral. A *locally / local* businessman said it was "astounding" that a value was put *on/ in* the reef. He said: "Why *on planet / earth* do we need...to quantify it in terms of money? We have a social conscience to look after the Great Barrier Reef... It's *on our doorstep / instep* and we should be looking after it." He added: "If that motivates our politicians...then that is good."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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__ls__s_pp_rts 64,000 f_ll-t_m__j_bs __n th__t__r_sm,
f_sh_ng, __r_cr__t__n __nd __sc__nt_f_c __r_s__rch
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s_pp_rts __cr_ss __str_l__f_r __xc__ds th__n mb_rs
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170701-great-barrier-reef.html>

australia's world-famous great barrier reef has been assigned a monetary value for the first time the financial advising company deloitte access economics has outlined the worth of one of nature's most spectacular wonders deloitte's report puts a value of us\$425 billion on the reef and a worth of us\$49 billion a year to the australian economy it also supports 64000 full-time jobs in the tourism fishing recreation and scientific research industries this is over three times more than those employed by australia's national airline qantas the report says "the livelihoods and businesses the reef supports across australia far exceeds the numbers supported by many industries we would consider too big to fail"

deloitte says quantifying the world heritage-listed reef's worth is one attempt at conserving it for future generations people will look after the reef better if they know how valuable it is deloitte said the reef is worth "more than 12 sydney opera houses" however the reef and its 1700 fish species are in danger global warming is bleaching and killing the reef's coral a local businessman said it was "astounding" that a value was put on the reef he said "why on earth do we need to quantify it in terms of money we have a social conscience to look after the great barrier reef... it's on our doorstep and we should be looking after it" he added "if that motivates our politiciansthen that is good"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about the Great Barrier Reef. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE GREAT BARRIER REEF: Make a poster about the Great Barrier Reef. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. VALUES: Write a magazine article about whether it is good or bad to put a value on World Heritage Sites. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on the Great Barrier Reef. Ask him/her three questions about the Great Barrier Reef. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. assigned | a. given |
| 2. worth | b. value |
| 3. spectacular | c. picturesque |
| 4. exceeds | d. surpasses |
| 5. consider | e. deem |
| 6. attempt | f. effort |
| 7. valuable | g. precious |
| 8. astounding | h. amazing |
| 9. on our doorstep | i. nearby |
| 10. motivates | j. encourages |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A monetary value?
2. A spectacular wonder
3. US\$4.9 billion
4. 64,000 full-time jobs
5. Qantas
6. Future generations
7. 12
8. Bleaching and killing it
9. A local businessman
10. On our doorstep

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)