

# Breaking News English.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES  
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

[breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html](http://breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html)

**Thousands more free lessons  
from Sean's other websites**

[www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean\\_banville\\_lessons.html](http://www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html)

**Level 5 – 24th January, 2022**

## **Pristine coral reef discovered off coast of Tahiti**

**FREE online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:**

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef-5.html>

### **Contents**

The Reading	2
Phrase Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
No Spaces	5
Survey	6
Writing and Speaking	7
Writing	8

**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

**Twitter**



[twitter.com/SeanBanville](https://twitter.com/SeanBanville)

**Facebook**



[www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176](https://www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176)

# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef-5.html>

Scientists have discovered a spectacular coral reef off the coast of Tahiti. The 3km-long reef lies 30 metres deep. The scientists think the corals and ocean vegetation contains previously undiscovered species. They have already found hundreds of rose-shaped coral, measuring two metres in diameter. Diver Alexis Rosenfeld said he was stunned when he found the reef. He wrote: "It was magical to witness giant, beautiful rose corals which stretch for as far as the eye can see. It was like a work of art." A scientist said: "In the middle of the biodiversity crisis, this is very good news."

The location of the reef means it is in pristine condition. Most reefs are in warmer waters, which makes them prone to bleaching from global warming. Tahiti's reef is deep enough and has sufficient sunlight to protect it from bleaching. UNESCO said deeper reefs are better protected from global warming. It believes the Tahiti reef is "one of the most extensive healthy coral reefs on record". It believes more mapping of the deep ocean should be undertaken. It said: "We know more about the surface of the Moon or the surface of Mars than the deeper part of the ocean."

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/1/20/pristine-reef-of-giant-rose-shaped-corals-found-off-tahiti>  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/one-of-the-worlds-largest-coral-reefs-discovered-in-twilight-zone-off-tahiti/>  
<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2305315-pristine-coral-reef-discovered-in-deep-water-off-the-coast-of-tahiti/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a spectacular coral reef off      | a. as the eye can see  |
| 2. previously undiscovered           | b. the coast of Tahiti |
| 3. measuring two metres              | c. crisis              |
| 4. he was stunned when he            | d. species             |
| 5. It was magical                    | e. found the reef      |
| 6. corals which stretch for as far   | f. of art              |
| 7. It was like a work                | g. in diameter         |
| 8. In the middle of the biodiversity | h. to witness          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. it is in pristine           | a. should be undertaken |
| 2. Tahiti's reef is deep       | b. to protect           |
| 3. sufficient sunlight         | c. part of the ocean    |
| 4. better protected            | d. condition            |
| 5. one of the most             | e. of the Moon          |
| 6. mapping of the deep ocean   | f. from global warming  |
| 7. know more about the surface | g. enough               |
| 8. the deeper                  | h. extensive            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef-5.html>

Scientists have discovered (1) \_\_\_\_\_ reef off the coast of Tahiti. The 3km-long reef lies 30 metres deep. The scientists think the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ vegetation contains previously undiscovered species. They have already found hundreds (3) \_\_\_\_\_ coral, measuring two metres in diameter. Diver Alexis Rosenfeld said he was stunned when he found the reef. He wrote: "It was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ giant, beautiful rose corals which stretch for as far (5) \_\_\_\_\_ can see. It was like a work of art." A scientist said: "In the middle of the biodiversity crisis, this is (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

The location of the reef means it is (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Most reefs are in warmer waters, which makes them (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from global warming. Tahiti's reef is deep enough and has (9) \_\_\_\_\_ protect it from bleaching. UNESCO said deeper reefs are better protected from global warming. It believes the Tahiti reef is "one of the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ coral reefs on record". It believes more mapping of the deep ocean (11) \_\_\_\_\_. It said: "We know more about the surface of the Moon or the surface of Mars than the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the ocean."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef-5.html>

Scientists have discovered a spectacular coral reef off the coast of Tahiti. The 3km-long reef lies 30 metres deep. The scientists think the coral and ocean vegetation contains previously undiscovered species. They have already found hundreds of rose-shaped coral, measuring two metres in diameter. Diver Alexis Rosenfeld said he was stunned when he found the reef. He wrote: "It was magical to witness giant, beautiful rose corals which stretch for as far as the eye can see. It was like a work of art." A scientist said: "In the middle of the biodiversity crisis, this is very good news." The location of the reef means it is in pristine condition. Most reefs are in warmer waters, which make them prone to bleaching from global warming. Tahiti's reef is deep enough and has sufficient sunlight to protect it from bleaching. UNESCO said deeper reefs are better protected from global warming. "It believes the Tahiti reef is "one of the most extensive healthy coral reefs on record". It believes more mapping of the deep oceans should be undertaken. It said: "We know more about the surface of the Moon than the surface of Mars than the deeper part of the ocean."

# CORAL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220124-tahiti-coral-reef-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about coral 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) \_\_\_\_\_

*Pristine coral reef discovered off coast of Tahiti – 24th January, 2022*  
More free lessons at [breakingnewsenglish.com](http://breakingnewsenglish.com)

---

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

