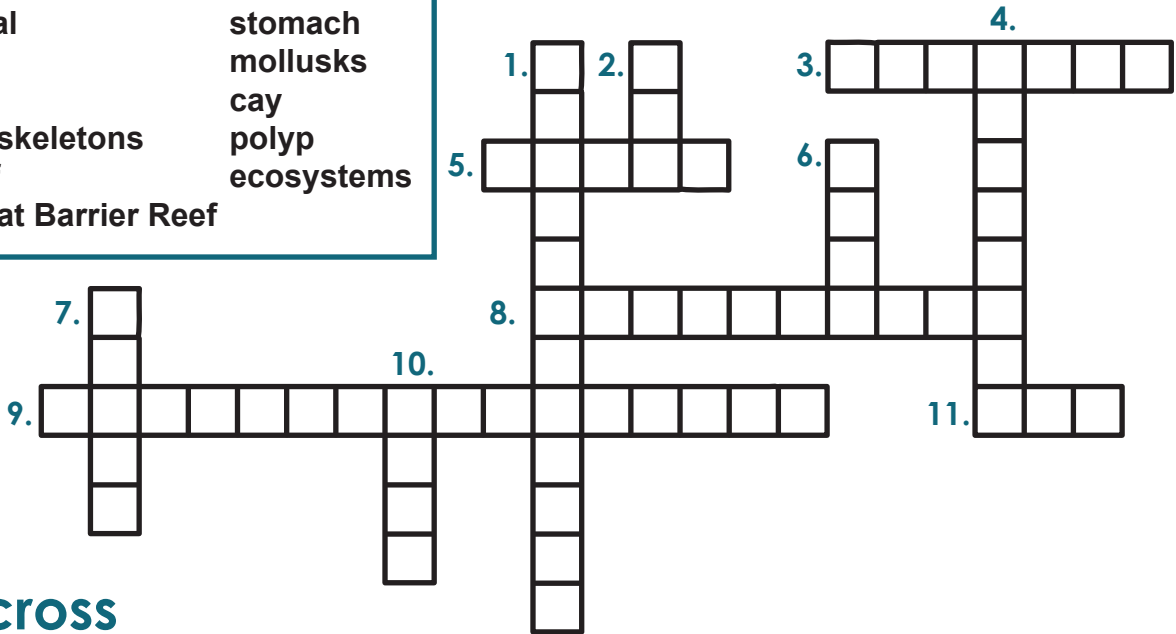


# Coral Reefs

**Directions:** Use the words in the box below to solve the crossword puzzle.

coral	stomach
sun	mollusks
soft	cay
exoskeletons	polyp
reef	ecosystems
Great Barrier Reef	



## Across

3. Coral have some organs, including the \_\_\_\_\_, in common with many other living organisms—including us!
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a sedentary type of animal form with a fixed base, columnar body, and free end with mouth and tentacles.
8. The coral reef is one of the most diverse \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest coral reef in the world.
11. Coral reefs get their energy from the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Down

1. Hard coral polyps make \_\_\_\_\_ to support and protect their bodies.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a small, sandy island that forms on the surface of a coral reef.
4. Coral reefs contain twenty-five percent of all ocean life, including organisms such as fish, worms, crustaceans, and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. There are two kinds of coral: \_\_\_\_\_ and hard.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is a sedentary invertebrate living in warm and tropical seas.
10. A coral \_\_\_\_\_ is a ridge made of coral, existing just below the surface of the sea.

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