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# CORAL REEF





Note to Librarians, Teachers, and Parents:

**Blastoff! Readers** are carefully developed by literacy experts and combine standards-based content with developmentally appropriate text.

**Level 1** provides the most support through repetition of high-frequency words, light text, predictable sentence patterns, and strong visual support.

**Level 2** offers early readers a bit more challenge through varied simple sentences, increased text load, and less repetition of high-frequency words.

**Level 3** advances early-fluent readers toward fluency through increased text and concept load, less reliance on visuals, longer sentences, and more literary language.

**Level 4** builds reading stamina by providing more text per page, increased use of punctuation, greater variation in sentence patterns, and increasingly challenging vocabulary.

**Level 5** encourages children to move from “learning to read” to “reading to learn” by providing even more text, varied writing styles, and less familiar topics.

Whichever book is right for your reader, Blastoff! Readers are the perfect books to build confidence and encourage a love of reading that will last a lifetime!

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# The Coral Reef Biome



Coral reefs are among the world's most colorful **biomes!** Many beautiful plants and animals live there.



Tube-shaped animals called **coral polyps** build up reefs over time. They grow hard **skeletons** and attach to those of dead corals.



coral polyps

Most coral reefs lie in the warm **tropics**. There are three main types of tropical reefs.

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**Fringing** reefs stretch along shores. **Barrier** reefs are farther out. Ring-shaped **atolls** rise from sunken islands.



fringing  
reef



barrier  
reef



atolls