

# WORD SCRAMBLE

*unscramble the letters at the left to learn more about coral reefs.  
use the clues provided within the facts about coral reefs.*

EZHOOANAELTX

Coral polyps eat or get their nutrition in two different ways. A number of coral polyps are nurtured by these, tiny algae that use sunlight to make energy.

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Another way that corals eat is by catching tiny floating animals known as these.

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In order to live well, corals also need this – a source of energy, clean and clear saltwater, and fair temperature.

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Coral reefs are important to the CNMI for many reasons. They provide us with food, recreation, and are important to sustaining our financial market, also known as this.

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Coral reefs protect our beaches, acting as a guard on our coastlines. They serve as one of these, protecting inshore areas from the pounding of ocean waves that can cause erosion, especially during storms.

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Coral Reefs are able to save lives. Reef animals and plants contain these types of compounds, which are found in drugs.

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Treatments that coral reefs are able to provide for are for cardiovascular diseases, ulcers, skin and this type of cancer.

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More than half of all new cancer drug research focuses on these marine “living things”, providing new cures for life-threatening diseases.

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This is the leading cause of coral reef degradation. Oil, gas, and pesticide contamination poison both coral and marine life. Human and animal waste and/or fertilizer harm the reefs when dumped into surrounding waters. In addition, the blockages of sunlight by trash in the waters kill polyps.

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Turtles often confuses plastic bags for these stinging animals and eat them, creating an obstruction in its digestive tract and causing it to starve to death. Fishing nets left in the sea can snag on reefs and strangle thousands of marine life.

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Other threats to coral reefs are physical destruction, over harvesting, coastal development, global climate change, and the loss of their environment, better known as this.

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Everyone is capable of helping to protect coral reefs and marine organisms. Coral reefs and reef organisms live by a delicate balance, and should not be harassed or this, and should not be removed from their natural habitat.

