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## National Geographic Readers: Coral Reefs: Criss

## Cross

Answer clues based on the content and vocabulary words from National Geographic Readers: Coral Reefs. Look for hints in the Word Bank. Print the puzzle or use on your tablet, phone, or computer.



## Across

2. Reefs block big $\qquad$ from crashing on the shore.
3. Many animals use $\qquad$ to hide along the reef.
4. An $\qquad$ is all the living and nonliving things in an area.
5. ___ sometimes spills into the ocean and can harm reefs.
6. __ wrap their tails around pieces of coral.
7. Coral reefs are made of hard coral $\qquad$ .

## Down

- 1. The crest $\qquad$ is the highest part of the reef.
- 3. Tiny __ live inside the coral polyp's soft bodies.
- 5. Earth's largest coral reef system is off the coast of $\qquad$ -
- 8. Coral reefs need $\qquad$ and warm temperatures year-round to survive.


## Word Bank

| AUSTRALIA | POLYPS | ECOSYSTEM | SUNLIGHT |
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| ZONE | SEAHORSES | CAMOUFLAGE | ALGAE |
| WAVES | POLLUTION |  |  |

## Answer Key



