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The Fantastic World of Coral Reefs

Short Answer Key

1. Coral polyps are tiny creatures that build intricate limestone structures over thousands of years. They play a vital role in creating and maintaining coral reefs.
2. One challenge is rising sea temperatures, which can lead to coral bleaching and the death of coral reefs.
3. It's important to respect and protect coral reefs to ensure their survival and preserve their beauty for future generations. Without protection, these fragile ecosystems may be lost forever.
4. Answers will vary.

