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The Fantastic World of Coral Reefs

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary.
2. People can help preserve coral reefs by reducing carbon emissions, avoiding the use of harmful chemicals, participating in coral restoration projects, and supporting marine conservation efforts.
3. Coral reefs benefit the planet by acting as nurseries for marine species, protecting coastlines from erosion, and playing a role in carbon and nutrient cycling in the ocean.
4. Coral reefs are often called the "rainforests of the sea" because they are incredibly diverse and support a wide range of species, much like the tropical rainforests on land.

