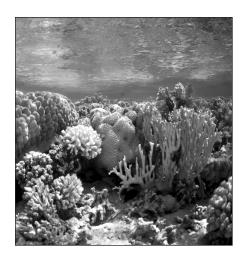
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Read the passage and correct the punctuation errors. There are no errors in the picture or caption.

## 10. Coral Reefs

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- (1) Period
- 1 Hyphen
- (1) (2) Comma
- Parentheses
- Colon
- 1 Apostrophe



Coral reefs are habitats for several animal forms.

Optional: Use another piece of paper to rewrite the passage without errors.

## **Answers**

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Coral reefs are marine habitats built of corals (their skeletons)¹. They vary in growth rate, can be millions of years old, and come in a variety of forms. Coral reefs host a great diversity of animal forms:² invertebrates, fish,³ seabirds, and reptiles. Coral reefs provide habitat for about twenty-⁴five percent of the world's marine species. Coral reefs also provide 25% of fish produced in developing countries with reefs, and provide a billion fish for people'⁵s food in Asia alone.⁶ Corals must survive the increase in seawater temperatures this century,⁵ so they would need to adjust to the higher temperatures. Corals found in warmer waters can tolerate higher temperatures better than corals found in cooler waters.

- 1. (their skeletons) Punctuation: Use parentheses to surround words to make things clearer.
- 2. forms: Punctuation: Use a colon to introduce a list of items.
- 3. fish, Punctuation: Use a comma to separate words in a series.
- 4. twenty-five Punctuation: Use a hyphen between compound numbers from twenty-one through ninety-nine.
- 5. people's Punctuation: Use 's to form the possessive of a plural noun that does not end in s.
- 6. alone. Punctuation: Use a period to end a sentence.
- 7. century, so Punctuation: Use a comma before a conjunction (so) to join two simple sentences.