

Can-U-Read

Verbs

When we speak, each sentence has a VERB.

VERBs are words that DO something.

VERBs are words that ARE something.

VERBs can help each other.

Each VERB has to match WHO is DOing or BEing.



She runs.



He runs.



Dad is lazy.



We are messy.



I have won.



I will fly

This is Australia.

On the coast of Australia there is a reef.

It is the largest reef in the world.

It protects the coast like a street barrier.

It is called the Great Barrier Reef.



The reef is made of coral.

There are more than 400 types of coral.

There are 1,500 types of fish, 130 sharks, reptiles, and mammals.

So many animals live here.



From the sky, the reef looks pretty dull.

It is just a lighter, shallow part of the ocean.

If you are under the water, it looks better.

The fish wear thousands of colors!



The reef is special.

Many of these animals are not found anywhere else.

Some of the animals are endangered.

Very few of them are left.

One day they may be gone!

Some people are working to help.



The dugong lives on the reef.

They are big fat herbivores.

They go from place to place eating sea grass.

People call them sea cows.

They are endangered, too.



Sea turtles on the reef eat jellyfish.

Plastic trash in the ocean looks the same.

The turtle can't tell the difference.
Can you?

Trash is hurting the turtles.

Dirty oceans may kill these animals.



Whales visit the reef every year.

People have helped the whales.

They are slowly growing.

Salt water crocodiles visit, too.

Other animals can't hurt them.

People are more dangerous.



The biggest danger is to the coral itself.

The coral keeps algae inside to make food.

The ocean water is getting warmer.

In warm water, the coral spits out the algae.

Now the coral slowly starves.



Marine biologists are trying to help.

Some of them measure and count the animals on the reef.

Others keep new animals from invading.

Others teach people about the reef.

Measuring, guarding, and teaching are just some of the ways they help.





I hope it's not
THE END

