

Vipers (Instructions for Parents)

Reading VIPERS is our way of supporting children with their reading comprehension skills. If we ensure that children are competent in all of these reading skills, we are covering all of the National Curriculum requirements and enabling them to be strong, confident readers. This acronym is just a great way of helping children and parents to remember what these vital skills are.

Reading Vipers

- V**ocabulary
- I**nfer
- P**redict
- E**xplain
- R**etrieve
- S**equence or Summarise



Question Openers

VIPERS can be used on any text that a child is reading, as well as on pictures, picture books and films! When any adult is listening to a child read, all they have to do is think of questions about the book/picture/film that cover all of the VIPERS, and there are great examples below of how you can create your own questions using the following question openers:

EYFS - Y2	
Vocabulary	What does the word mean in this sentence? What does this word or phrase tell you about?
Infer	Why was? feeling? What do you think the author intended when they said?
Predict	What do you think will happen next? What makes you think this? What is happening? What do you think happened before?
Explain	Who is your favourite character? Why? Is there anything you would change about this story? Do you like this text? What do you like about it?
Retrieve	How many? What happened to?
Sequence Summarise	What happened after? What was the first thing that happened in the story?

Vipers- The Great Barrier Reef

Read through the text below with your child. There may be some tricky words that the struggle with and need your help. Once your child has understood the text, there are some questions to be answered either on the sheet or in their exercise book which uses their "Vipers" skills. When answering the questions, encourage your child to write in full sentences e.g. The Great Barrier Reef is in...

The Great Barrier Reef



Where Is the Great Barrier Reef?

The Great Barrier Reef is in Australia. It has 2900 reefs and 900 islands. The Great Barrier Reef is in the Coral Sea, near Queensland.

How Big Is the Great Barrier Reef?

The Great Barrier Reef is 2600 kilometres long. It is the world's biggest living structure. Astronauts can see it from outer space!

Which Animals Live in the Great Barrier Reef?

Many thousands of animals live in the Great Barrier Reef, such as fish, sea turtles, giant clam, seahorses, sea snakes, sea turtles, stingrays, sharks and many more.



What Else Lives in the Great Barrier Reef?

Many other species live in the Great Barrier Reef; including corals and sponges. 360 species of hard coral grow there. Hot weather and warm water are bad for coral and cause 'coral bleaching'.

How Do Aboriginal People Use the Great Barrier Reef?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are the traditional owners of the Great Barrier Reef. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have used the sea to give them food for thousands of years. Today, food from the sea is important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who still collect food and prepare meals using their traditional methods.



Vipers- The Great Barrier Reef



1. In which country is the Great Barrier Reef?

2. In which sea is the Great Barrier Reef?

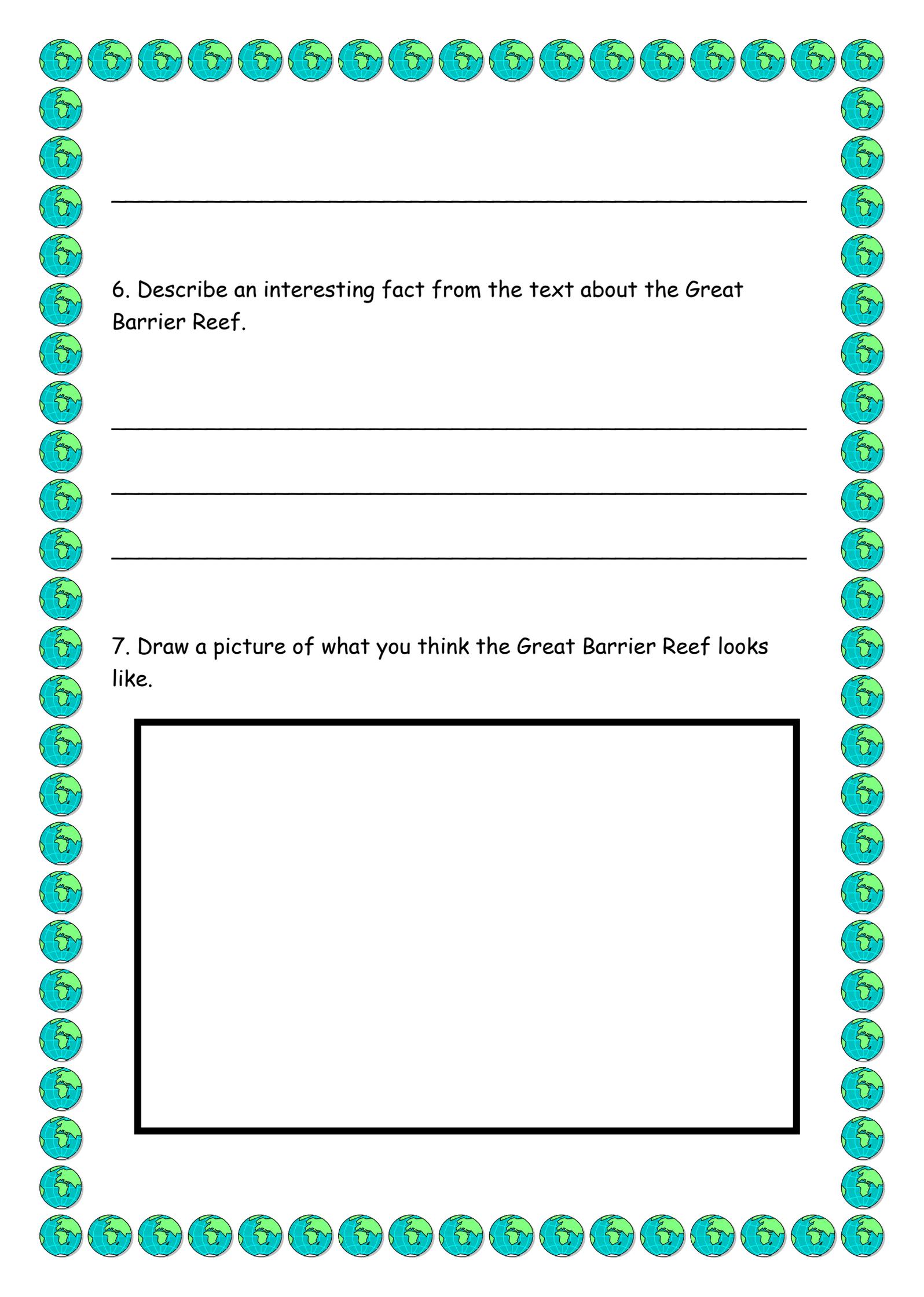
3. List four animals that live in the Great Barrier Reef.

4. Predict what you think may happen to the coral in the Great Barrier Reef.



5. Explain what the owners of the Great Barrier Reef use it for.





6. Describe an interesting fact from the text about the *Great Barrier Reef*.

7. Draw a picture of what you think the *Great Barrier Reef* looks like.

