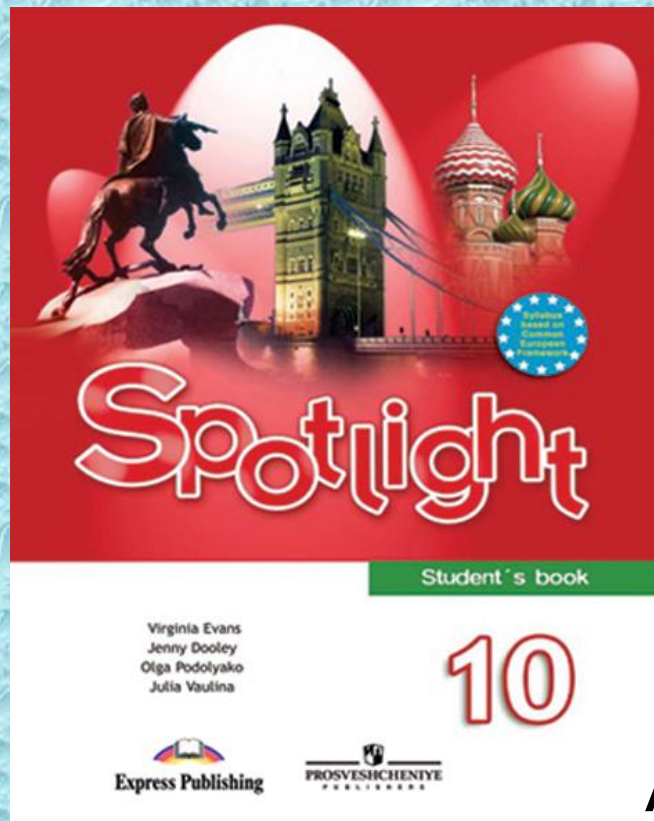


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The Great Barrier Reef



The Great Barrier Reef is one of the wonders of the natural world - it is the world's largest coral reef ecosystem.







***Along which continent does the Great Barrier Reef lie?**

The Great Barrier Reef lies off the north eastern coast of **Australia.**

It is located in the Coral Sea, in the south Pacific Ocean and its length is 2300 km.

***How many years did it take for the great barrier reef to form?**

The north of the Great Barrier Reef is around 18 million years old and the south 2 million Years.

The reef is between 10,000 and 6000 years old.

***Who discovered the Great Barrier Reef?**

Captain James Cook discovered the Great Barrier Reef in 1770. He found it accidentally when his ship ran aground on the reef whilst he was charting the eastern coast of Australia.

***How many fish live on the Great Barrier Reef?**

There are about 2,000,000 million fish living in the Great Barrier Reef.

*How is the Great Barrier Reef dying?

The Great Barrier Reef is starting to die because of

1. global warming, a couple of degrees of warming of sea temperatures.
2. pollution, tourists and recreational fishermen are particularly damaging to the Great Barrier Reef, as they drop their plastic bags and other non-environmentally friendly items into the water.
3. pesticides from farmland is also a problem.

How to protect Great Barrier Reef?

1. Don't throw rubbish into the sea.

*It may contain chemicals.

*Sea animals may mistakenly eat plastic bags and so on.

2. Don't pour out washing liquid and bleach into the sea.

*They may be fatal to coral.

3. Don't sell or buy a piece of coral.

*Tell the authorities immediately.

Internet resources

1. <http://www.answers.com/mt/great-barrier-reef>

2. <http://images.yandex.ru/yandsearch?text=GreatBarrierReef>