

Coral Reefs
are the "Rainforests"
of the ocean.



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1. Where is the biggest coral reef? Test your knowledge about coral reefs by choosing True or False and find out.

- | | True | False |
|---|------|-------|
| a) You can see coral reefs from space. | A | G |
| b) You can put coral in food to make it taste salty. | R | U |
| c) One quarter of all the plants that live in the sea, grow in coral reefs. | S | E |
| d) It takes millions of tiny animals to make a coral reef. | T | E |
| e) Coral reefs need deep water. | N | R |
| f) A coral reef doesn't protect the coast from damage by storms. | L | A |
| g) Doctors can use medicine from coral to mend broken bones. | L | A |
| h) Hurricanes damage coral reefs more than people. | I | A |
| i) If we damage the reefs, there won't be enough food for the fish. | A | D |



A U S T R A L I A

2. Read the sentences below. What does Mrs. Kingsley say we must and mustn't do to protect the reefs? Tick (V) the sentences.



- a) We must keep the reefs clean. []
- b) We must grow more plants on the coral reefs. []
- c) We must stop putting rubbish in the sea. []
- d) We mustn't visit coral reefs. []
- e) We mustn't disturb the water around the reefs. []
- f) We mustn't photograph the reefs. []



Kurumba Island, Maldives



Jamaican coral reef scene

3. Look at the example from the listening. Use the verbs in the box to complete the other sentences.

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- a) Coral reefs .. *are disappearing*
- b) Our cities *are getting* more polluted.
- c) People *are cutting down* forests.
- d) People *are damaging* the countryside.
- e) People *are thinking* more about the environment.
- f) Fuel *is becoming* more expensive.



Linfen, China
The most polluted city in the world



Rainforest view

4. In groups, discuss the sentences in exercise 3. Which of these things are good? Which are bad? What do you think we should be doing?





5. Find **Jamaica**, the **Great Barrier Reef** and the **Maldives** (the Maldivian Islands) on the map.



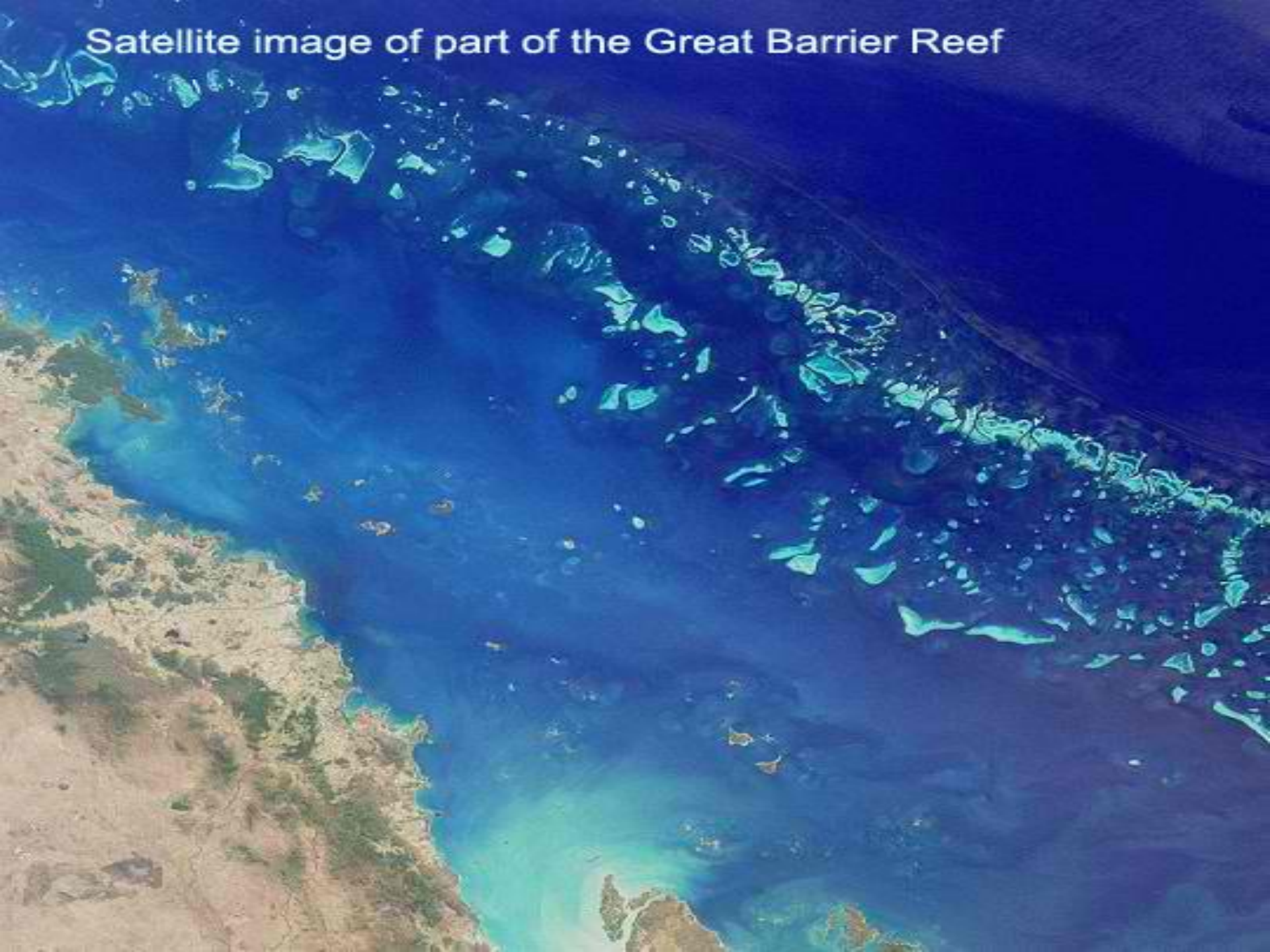








Satellite image of part of the Great Barrier Reef





Malé, the capital of the Maldives

Beautiful coral reefs of Jamaica



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