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Two-Part Text Support

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Identify one **main idea** stated or implied in the text. Then, find **two different sentences from separate parts** of the passage that both support this same idea.

“The Unsung Builders of the Reef”

Coral reefs may look like colorful gardens, but they are actually built by tiny living creatures called coral polyps. Each polyp creates a hard shell around itself, which becomes part of the reef’s structure. Over centuries, these small builders form entire underwater cities that shelter thousands of marine species.

However, coral reefs are fragile. Pollution, rising ocean temperatures, and careless tourism can damage or even kill coral. When reefs die, fish lose their homes, and coastal communities lose protection from storm waves. Scientists are working to restore damaged reefs by growing new coral in special underwater nurseries. With care and time, the reefs can slowly rebuild themselves, bringing life back to the ocean floor.

1. Write one sentence stating the **main idea** of the passage in your own words. Example starter: *This passage is mainly about how...*
2. Choose one sentence from **earlier** in the passage that supports your main idea. Copy it exactly as it appears in the text and put quotation marks around it.
3. Choose another sentence from **later** in the passage that also supports the same idea. Copy it exactly as it appears in the text and put quotation marks around it.
4. Explain, in three to four sentences, how both pieces of evidence prove the same idea. Use clear reasoning to show the connection between them. Example starter: *Both sentences show that...*